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Pitt falls

Pitt coach Jamie Dixon is seeking answers after his Panthers dropped their third straight game. **1B**

Coens win four Oscars

The Coen brothers won four Academy Awards for "No Country for Old Men," including best picture and director.

Picture	"No Country for Old Men"
Actor	Daniel Day-Lewis, "There Will Be Blood"
Actress	Marion Cotillard, "La Vie en Rose"
Supporting actor	Javier Bardem, "No Country for Old Men"
Supporting actress	Tilda Swinton, "Michael Clayton"
Director	Joel Coen and Ethan Coen, "No Country for Old Men"

SOURCE: Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences

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Tasser takes title

Senior Donnie Tasser is the first-ever Belle Vernon Area wrestler to win a WPIAL championship. **1B**

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- Agnes M. Bellora, 87, Monessen
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Rendell: VP, not me

The governor said his candor would cause presidential candidates to shy away.

By The Associated Press

HARRISBURG – Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell said his candor in saying that some rural Pennsylvania voters would not vote for a black candidate shows why he would be a "terrible liability" as a vice presidential candidate.

Rendell, a supporter of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton for president, reiterated Saturday that he has no interest in being a running mate.

"I think I proved a couple weeks ago why nobody would want me as vice presidential nominee," Rendell said in an interview with reporters from The Patriot-News of Harrisburg and Politico for C-SPAN's "Newsmakers." "I have a terrible liability."

Gov. Edward Rendell speaks at the National Governors Association winter meeting in Washington, D.C.

Associated Press

"If I'm asked a question, I answer it, and I tell the truth. That probably isn't a good idea for someone who is the No. 2 on the ticket," Rendell said.

He also ruled out leaving office to become a White House cabinet member until his term is up in 2011.

Earlier this month, Rendell was criticized after saying in an interview that some white Pennsylvanians are likely to vote against Clinton's rival, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., because he is black.

"You've got conservative whites here, and I think there are some whites who are probably not ready

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Health system troubles addicts

State officials say problems arise when providers are not able to share information.

By MARTHA RAFFAELE
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG – Caught in a fragmented health care system, addicts in Pennsylvania can become frustrated in their journey toward recovery.

That's the message Gov. Ed Rendell's administration says it has been hearing from patients who wrestle with drug or alcohol abuse while suffering from mental illness or chronic diseases such as diabetes.

The leaders of Pennsylvania's health and public welfare agencies contend patients encounter obstacles to getting treatment because of regulations that limit how much information insurance companies and other entities that pay for health care can obtain from their treatment records.

"We have a system where one (service) provider is not allowed to talk to another," Health Secretary Dr. Calvin Johnson said. "The system is not working in the best interest of the client."

The administration's proposed solution – a set of Health Department rule changes undergoing a lengthy review – is to provide a wider range of information to insurers, governments and other entities that pay for health care.

Existing rules allow treatment providers to inform insurers whether a patient is being treated, the person's prognosis and progress, the nature of the program, and whether any relapses have occurred.

The department's proposal would broaden the available records to include the patient's treatment history, specific medical conditions, and history of substance abuse.

But some lawmakers, drug and alcohol treatment providers, and the state bar association argue that loosening the regulations is tantamount to letting insurers eavesdrop on patient-counselor conversations that can delve into deeply personal topics, such as relations with family members.

"We're required by licensure to interview patients very intensely," said Deborah Beck, president of the Drug and Alcohol Service Providers Organization of Pennsylvania. "We know all about you – about your psychological history, your sexual history, none of which have anything to do with what your (treatment) payer would need to know."

Michelle Denk, executive director of the Pennsylvania Association of County Drug and Alcohol Administrators, said she

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Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

The Noble J. Dick Aquatorium failed to cash in on the first round of slots industry money distributed by Washington County. City officials want to renovate the facility.

Aquatorium plan fails to hit jackpot on slots

Monongahela Councilman Tom Caudill said city officials hope for a future payoff.

By JEFF OLIVER
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MONONGAHELA – When the Washington County Commissioners distributed the first round of gaming money, the city was among many communities left out.

Monongahela had asked for $400,000 to renovate the popular Noble J. Dick Aquatorium.

Councilman Tom Caudill, a key player in the effort to prepare the application and present it to a 10-member Local Share Account Review Committee, was optimistic about his city's chances.

He met twice with county officials in hopes of obtaining part of the $8 million generated by The Meadows Racetrack & Casino.

"When we met with the committee and made our presentation, I came away thinking this was one of the types of projects they were looking for," Caudill said.

Caudill

But when Caudill saw the list of recipients, reality set in.

"Obviously, it is very disappointing for us," he said.

As it looked toward the gambling money, Monongahela joined with New Eagle to develop a joint comprehensive plan. City council also set aside some money to help with the beautification project.

"We were told that communities who put together joint efforts with other communities would get strong consideration, and when we also tacked on some of our own monies that we had received through grants for city projects, well, we thought that was the way to go," Caudill said.

He said the aquatorium use is not limited to city residents. Caudill said he believed the regional aspect enhanced the proposal.

Many smaller communities struggling for money received no help for their projects while some larger organizations received cash. The Alta Vista Flex Space Building in Fallowfield Township received $1.2 million; Southpointe II Infrastructure Improvements, $1.3 million; Southpointe Business Park Expansion, $1.3 million; and Monongahela Valley Hospital, $200,000.

Caudill stopped short of criticizing the award process.

"I can't be (critical) because I don't know what their criteria were," he said of the committee and the commissioners. "I'm sure they had many, many requests."

The councilman said he was told

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Jail possible as journalist protects sources

Federal Judge Reggie Walton – a Donora native – is back in the judicial spotlight.

By MIKE CRONIN
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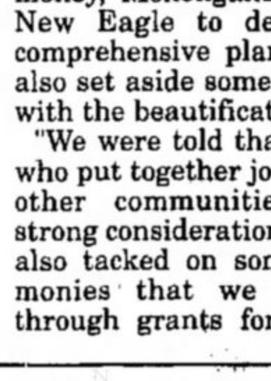
Making history is not always fun, particularly when fighting for a principle could lead to financial ruin.

Reporter Toni Locy, a Washington County native, faces a $500-a-day fine – possibly escalating to $5,000 a day plus jail time – since a federal judge last week found her in contempt of court for refusing to name confidential sources who talked to her about the potential connection a former Army scientist had to the 2001 anthrax attacks.



Locy

USA Today, which published the stories and employed Locy at the time, is paying her legal bills. But U.S. Judge Reggie B. Walton of Washington, D.C., a Donora native, is considering prohibiting USA Today – or anyone other than Locy –from paying any contempt fines that he imposes.

Locy said she plans to appeal the contempt ruling.

"Reporters don't have subpoena

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Classes resume at NIU

By The Associated Press

DEKALB, Ill. – It's not violence that Northern Illinois University senior Kristen Bortolotti fears when classes resume – it's the memories.

"It's not necessarily that we're scared that there's going to be someone with a gun," said the 24-year-old from Elgin.

Classes were to begin today for the first time since the Feb. 14 shootings, in which former NIU graduate student Steve Kazmierczak opened fire on students – killing five and wounding 17 – before committing suicide.

On Sunday night, more than 12,000 people gathered in the school's Convocation Center for a memorial remembering those who lost their lives.

In honor of the students killed, five bouquets of red and white flowers were placed on the stage.

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the committee received more than 70 applications.

"It is troubling, but we're not going to give up," he said. "We are going to put together another proposal for the next round and go from there. We aren't giving up, by any means."

Caudill said he assumes gambling money will come to the county annually.

"We will be back," he said.

In the meantime, the failure to obtain gaming money does not necessarily mean the aquatorium will go without improvements this year.

"We did set aside some money, so we have some decisions to make," Caudill said.

"We can either use that money on streets or we can do some refurbishing to the aquatorium like maybe fix some seats."

Rendell (FROM PAGE ONE)

to vote for an African-American candidate," Rendell said.

Rendell cited his landslide gubernatorial victory over Lynn Swann, in which he defeated the former Pittsburgh Steelers star by more than 20 percentage points. The governor said Swann, who is black, would have gotten more votes if he was white.

"I believe, looking at the returns in my election, that had Lynn Swann been the identical candidate that he was – well-spoken, charismatic, good-looking – but white instead of black, instead of winning by 22 points, I would have won by 17 or so," he said.

In Saturday's interview, Rendell also said he is frustrated at Clinton's loss of momentum in the Democratic presidential race.

"She's got to drop her guard, and she's done it on occasion, and let people know what she really feels and why she's in this," he said. "All of us who have known Hillary Clinton for a long time and who care deeply about her as a candidate and a person are frustrated."

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Yesteryear

Employees of the American Photo Glass and Export Company in Belle Vernon took time from work for a group picture sometime in the mid-1930s. The photo is from the family archives collection of the late Janie Stringhill Mitchell, who is shown third from the right in the third row.

Weather

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High 42 Low 18	High 20 Low 10	High 28 Low 15	High 38 Low 25	High 38 Low 22

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sees no evidence that patients have been unable to get the help they need under the current regulations.

"From our perspective, there is enough leeway in right now that the system works," Denk said. "We have not seen any data saying that clients have not had access to treatment because insurance companies have not gotten information."

A state regulatory review panel agreed earlier this month that the opponents' concerns were legitimate and asked the department to elaborate on its rationale for the changes.

"We agree ... that an unintended consequence of the proposal could be fewer people seeking and receiving treatment for their drug and alcohol addiction problems for fear that personal and potentially embarrassing information could be released to others," the Independent Regulatory Review Commission said in written comments released Feb. 13.

Johnson said his agency is evaluating feedback from the commission and other parties and considering whether further revisions are needed as the department works on a final version of the new rules.

He noted that no information would be released to any insurer without a patient's written consent, and such files are already subject to federal rules governing confidentiality of medical records.

Johnson has an ally in Public Welfare Secretary Estelle Richman, who said Pennsylvania's confidentiality requirements far exceed those in federal law, making them the strictest in the nation.

At the same time, she agrees that the new regulations safeguard the privacy of any information that is not essential for insurers to determine whether a treatment is medically necessary.

"They don't need to know whether you've been in and out of child welfare," Richman said. "They do need to know whether you've been struggling with addiction issues."

Sources (FROM PAGE ONE)

power; there are limits to where we can go," said Locy, 48, who now teaches journalism at West Virginia University in Morgantown. "So we need insiders, people with a conscience. We need to know about abuses of power.

"In our democracy, a robust press is crucial to making sure government is accountable," she said.

This is the second high-profile case involving Walton this year.

A federal jury in March found I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby guilty of four felonies, including perjury, obstruction of justice and making false statements to FBI agents about his contacts with reporters regarding covert CIA officer Valerie Plame.

Walton sentenced the Vice President Cheney's former chief of staff to 30 months in prison and imposed a $250,000 fine.

Locy has worked at The Associated Press, The Washington Post and The Boston Globe. She began her career at The Pittsburgh Press after graduating from WVU in 1981. Locy is the oldest of six children whose mother was a coal miner.

Lucy A. Dalglish, executive director of the Washington-based Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, said Walton's contempt charge against Locy is the most egregious of a recent spate of court decisions against journalists who refuse to identify confidential sources.

"If this is allowed to stand, no one will be able to report on a federal investigation until charges have been brought," Dalglish said. "If no one could do that in the anthrax case, that would've done an incredible disservice to the American public."

Five people died after being exposed in fall 2001, shortly after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, to anthrax spores sent through the U.S. mail. News outlets and the Washington offices of two Democratic U.S. senators received anthrax-contaminated letters. The FBI continues to investigate the case. No charges have been filed.

Then-Attorney General John Ashcroft publicly identified Steven Hatfill, a former bioweapons expert for the Army, as a "person of interest" in the investigation. Hatfill has sued Ashcroft, the U.S. Justice Department and the FBI, accusing them of violating his privacy rights. The federal Privacy Act limits the disclosure of personal information by government officials.

Walton said identifying Locy's sources would help Hatfill pursue his lawsuit.

The main story in question was published in May 2003 and reported that the FBI had Hatfill under round-the-clock surveillance. Locy reported that sources said the investigation focused on Hatfill because many investigators believed he was behind the anthrax mail attacks. Those sources requested anonymity because the anthrax probe remained active.

Hatfill's Washington-based lawyer, Mark Grannis, declined to comment beyond court documents he has filed on behalf of his client. In a May 9 memorandum, Grannis addressed Locy's and other reporters' contention that they should be allowed to keep sources confidential.

Grannis argued journalists "have no right to withhold evidence that private citizens need in order to obtain justice."

In an Aug. 13 opinion, Walton wrote that allowing journalists the privilege of always protecting confidential sources – even when they have "allegedly illegally leaked information" – can have "the perverse effect" of preventing someone such as Hatfill from repairing "his good name, reputation and ability to earn a living."

Bob Dubill, 71, executive editor at USA Today when Locy wrote the two stories at issue, said he was "sort of taken aback by this notion of judges requiring reporters to provide sources."

Sometimes, promising sources confidentiality is the only way to ensure the public receives the full story, Dubill said.

"That's what Toni did in her coverage of the anthrax-letter attacks," Dubill said. "That was a story with intense public interest. People were scared and, in some cases, petrified. Sources in stories like that won't come forth in the future if they can't rely on confidentiality."

Dubill described Locy in her post-9/11 reporting as dedicated and tenacious in "trying to draw a picture for our readers."

That cannot be allowed to cease happening, according to Kellen Henry, 21, a WVU senior who took Locy's media law class last semester.

Henry drafted a petition asking Walton to reverse his contempt decision. She circulated it to journalists and journalism students at WVU. Within hours, it made its way to the national office of the Society of Professional Journalists in Indianapolis.

"Journalists shouldn't be used as an investigative arm of the justice system," said Henry, a staff writer for WVU's paper, The Athenaeum.

"People open the paper and they want to know the truth. If the government or legal system is leaning on us and taking our information, it's going to hinder the public from making informed decisions."

Following Henry's lead, and in response to Locy's case, the Society of Professional Journalists released a statement urging immediate passage of a shield law. That would protect journalists and their confidential sources. The U.S. House of Representatives passed a version of a federal shield law in October. A Senate vote on its version is pending.

Walton continues to review whether to hold former CBS reporter James Stewart in contempt for refusing to reveal sources during his coverage of the anthrax investigation.

In his August opinion, the judge also ordered Newsweek reporters Michael Isikoff and Daniel Klaidman and Washington Post reporter Allan Lengel to reveal their sources. The Associated Press quoted attorneys involved in the case as saying those journalists had cooperated in revealing information after their sources identified themselves to Hatfill's lawyers.

Walton quashed subpoenas filed on behalf of Hatfill to obtain further information from ABC, The Washington Post, Newsweek, CBS, The Associated Press, the Baltimore Sun and The New York Times.

In the meantime, Locy said she worries about her financial situation and possible imprisonment. But she doesn't begrudge Hatfill his rights.

"He has every right to sue," Locy said. "I do not challenge that right. There's just got to be a way to make him as whole as possible without trampling on the First Amendment."

Valley briefs

Armed robber hits store in New Eagle

Monongahela police are investigating an apparent armed robbery 6:09 a.m. Sunday at the 711, located 400 block of Main Street in New Eagle.

According to police, a white male approximately 6-foot tall and wearing blue jeans, a blue sweat shirt and red bandana over his face entered the store brandishing a sawed-off shotgun. The suspect took approximately $300 and fled on foot.

Carroll Township police assisted at the scene. Troopers from the Pennsylvania State Police Records and Identification unit processed the crime scene.

Anyone who may have witnessed the crime or has any information on this incident is asked to contact police at (724) 258-5511.

Brother arrested at accident scene

Adam Fine, 23, of 425 Chess St., Monongahela, was charged with DUI and driving while under suspension at the scene of an accident involving his brother.

Forward Township police were called to the scene of an accident 2:30 a.m. Sunday on Rainbow Road, near Rodney Lane.

Richard Fine, 20, of 425 Chess St., Monongahela, apparently fell asleep at the wheel of his vehicle, which struck a tree.

Richard Fine was taken to Mon Valley Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

While police were still on the scene, Adam Fine arrived and asked about his brother.

Police observed him to be intoxicated and he was arrested.

Police searching for teen, auto

Forward Township police are asking for help in locating Dusty Gaydos, 18, of 197 Torrence Road, Elizabeth.

According to police Gaydos took his mother's 1993 red GMC Jimmy without her permission 1:15 a.m. Sunday and refused to return the vehicle.

He has not been seen since.

The license plate on the vehicle is GXK2591.

Anyone with any information on Gaydos or the vehicle is asked to call police at (412) 384-2134.

Police have filed charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and disorderly conduct against Gaydos.

Resume workshop set Tuesday

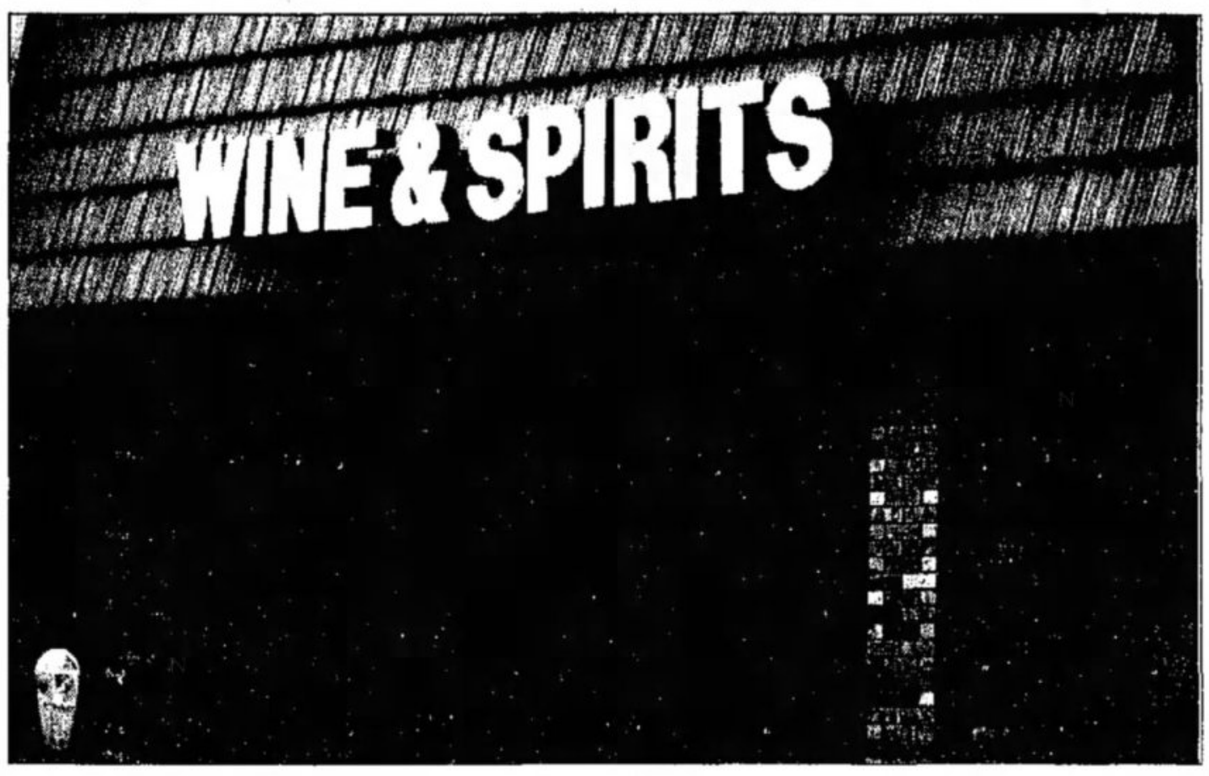
The Mon Valley Initiative will sponsor a workshop Tuesday to help area residents improve their resume-writing and interview skills.

The session, which is designed to help people increase their chances of finding employment, will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the fourth-floor conference room of the Monessen Business Center, 735 Donner Ave.

Safe discovered in Monongahela

A safe was found by the Mon Valley Dive Team 4:45 p.m. Saturday at the Monongahela aquatorium, police reported.

The safe was found approximately 30 foot east of the boat launch at the Aquatorium. There were signs that the safe had been forcibly entered.



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The latest effort to sell the Wine & Spirits store in Monongahela, above, and the rest of the state-owned liquor stores in Pennsylvania, is expected to face strong opposition.

State store selloff proposal faces formidable opposition

Idea stirs traditional foes at a time liquor stores are viewed as more customer-friendly.

By BRAD BUMSTED
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HARRISBURG - The latest attempt to privatize Pennsylvania's state-owned liquor stores faces the same formidable coalition as earlier tries and the added hurdle that stores now are widely viewed as more customer-friendly.

"Most Pennsylvanians seem satisfied with the way the state store system is now. There isn't a hue and cry for privatization," said Al Neri, editor of The Insider, a statewide political newsletter.

Sen. Rob Wonderling, R-Montgomery County, is trying to sell the liquor stores, an undertaking that former GOP Govs. Dick Thornburgh and Tom Ridge couldn't accomplish. Wonderling has added twists to his bill, and he said he's optimistic about its chances.

"I know this isn't going to happen anytime soon," Wonderling said. "It's a marathon, not a sprint."

Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell thinks state stores would be better in private hands -- he also is trying to lease the turnpike to private enterprise - but he believes it would be "unrealistic" to pursue liquor store divestiture, spokesman Chuck Ardo said.

The combination of unions representing state store workers and conservative Republicans concerned about the state having less control over alcohol sales "will forever defeat any attempt to change the current system," Ardo said.

For the foreseeable future, that political climate is unlikely to change, said Steven Peterson, a professor of politics and public affairs at Penn State University's Harrisburg campus.

"I just don't see anything that's likely to change the dynamic," he said.

"There seems to be more customer orientation" at the stores, which have Sunday sales, more availability of better wines at reasonable prices and friendlier clerks, Peterson said.

Older Pennsylvanians might recall drab stores with rude clerks. Customers once had to submit requests to clerks, who would go behind partitions to get bottles. The public was shielded from seeing most of the bottles in a system designed after Prohibition. Pennsylvania is regarded as one of the tightest "control" states in the nation.

But Wonderling isn't accepting the premise that change is impossible. His proposal would maintain some state control of liquor stores. Four hundred of the state's 600-plus liquor stores would be auctioned off, but 200 would not be sold. They would be placed under contract to private firms, but the state would retain 48 percent control.

In another attempt to rebut criticism of privatization, Wonderling said he told Mothers Against Drunk Driving to find the toughest alcohol-related enforcement measures in the nation and he would include those features in the bill.

The other proposal that distinguishes Wonderling's bill from past efforts: He would put the estimated $800 million from the sale of stores in an interest-bearing account to provide annual revenue for improving health care in Pennsylvania.

The fundamental basis for Wonderling's approach is his belief that running a liquor store monopoly isn't a core function of government.

An added benefit, he said, would be "more competitive prices and more choice in selection."

Supporters of the current system see an ongoing financial benefit to the state.

The Liquor Control Board pumps about $500 million yearly into the state's General Fund.

It's an argument that has helped defeat proposals to sell the state stores in the past.

Valley review

A look at the week that was in the Valley

Here's a look at the top news happenings of the past week in the Mid-Mon Valley:

Warrant sweeps nets 3 - Agents from the FBI and Internal Revenue Service executed several warrants during a major drug sweep in the Mid-Mon Valley on Tuesday.

Details were vague about the federal probe, but FBI spokesman David Hedges said Tavius Smith, 29, of 679 Reed Ave., Monessen, and Jamie Lightfoot, 36, of 125 Castner Ave., Donora, were arrested on a variety of charges.

A third man, John Crews, of 430 First St., Donora, was arrested on drug charges.

The sweep began about 9 a.m. Tuesday as FBI agents, assisted by state troopers from the Belle Vernon Barracks and police officers from Monessen, Donora and Charleroi served warrants at 14 locations in Donora, Monessen, Monongahela and Charleroi.

Flu hits hospitals - A stronger, stingier strain of the flu coupled with normal winter illnesses, is testing the capacity of area hospital emergency rooms.

The emergency room at Mon Valley Hospital is treating 120 patients per day, spokesman Kurt Weber said at mid-week. On average, the hospital treats 90 patients per day.

Many of the patients being treated in the emergency room have shown influenza symptoms, such as back pain, chills and fever, Weber said.

Monessen plan nixed - City Councilman John Harhai proposed Wednesday that the Mon Valley Health and Welfare Authority enter into a "lease-to-own" arrangement for the facility Eastgate 11.

Under the plan, the city would pay $270,000 at $54,000 per year for five years for the building. During that period, the authority would maintain the building and pay for all utilities, except telephone service. After that, the city would take over the building.

Harhai said council must decide quickly on the proposal because City Hall is full of asbestos, mold and other health and safety hazards. The building is not handicap-accessible, has no central air conditioning and costs more than $100,000 per year to maintain.

But the proposal failed as councilmen Jeff Gagatko, Josh Retos and Wayne Doptis said they needed more time and information. Mayor Anthony Petaccia supported the plan.

Slots money divided - Four Mon Valley projects hit the jackpot Wednesday in the first round of local money from gaming revenue at The Meadows Racetrack & Casino.

The Washington County Commissioners approved $8 million in requests for local projects, including the Coyle Theater restoration in Charleroi, a flex space building at Alta Vista in Fallowfield Township, sewer work in Dunlevy and improvements at Monongahela Valley Hospital.

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Jim Delattre, President

P.S. Six months from now, this will probably be the most appreciated offer ever extended to homeowners in the Mon Valley. Every one of the owners will have an almost unfair advantage over their utility companies.

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RECORDS

POLICE LOG

State police, Belle Vernon

■ Khuong Tang, 39, of Frederick, Md., suffered minor injuries when the rig he was driving rolled onto its side 11:05 a.m. Friday on Interstate 70 at the State Route 43 ramp in Fallowfield Township. The accident required the closing of both lanes of I-70 westbound for approximately 35 minutes, police said.

■ Police are investigating a burglary at the Center Avenue, North Charleroi, residence of Jesse Snyder, 25, Shannon Pascoe, 19, and Corin Tiniver, 19. The burglary took place during the hours of 8 a.m. and 5:20 p.m. Thursday. Stolen in the incident were a digital camera, iPod, two watches, jewelry and $3,000 in cash.

■ Robert Allen Miller, of Uniontown, suffered minor injuries when his vehicle slid on an icy road surface on Rehoboth Church Road in Perry Township. Police said the accident occurred at 4:35 a.m. Saturday as the vehicle hit a guide rail and rolled onto its side. Miller was taken to Uniontown Hospital by Rostraver-West Newton Ambulance.

State police, Greensburg

■ Michael Sarver, 32, of Sewickley Township, was charged with harassment 2:50 p.m. Sunday as a result of an incident involving Robert Vonbright, 21, of West Newton, that took place at State Route 30 and Greengate Center Drive in Hempfield Township, police said.

Forward Township

■ Police are investigating an incident that was reported 11 p.m. Saturday that the driver of a two-tone colored pickup truck used a chain to pull a street sign out of the ground at the intersection of Roberts Hollow Road and Mentor Road. The sign was discovered in a yard on Wall Road, police said.

Monongahela

■ Kimberly Sabatini, 31, of 751 Pineview Drive, Elizabeth, was charged with DUI, driving while operating privilege suspended or revoked, speeding and drivers required to be licensed, 1:40 a.m. Saturday on Main Street in New Eagle, police reported.

■ Noah Abram Mikec, 22, of 1231 Finleyville-Elrama Road, Finleyville, was charged with DUI, 1:54 a.m. Feb. 9 in the 400 block of Main Street in New Eagle, police reported.

■ Shawn Taylor, 1260 McKean Ave., Donora, was cited for public drunkenness 4:30 a.m. Saturday on West Main Street, Monongahela, police reported.

■ Nathan Black reported theft on Sunday that three guns at his 101 Chess St., Monongahela, home were stolen.

■ June Mentzer, of 793 Cassidy Ave., Monongahela, reported to police her blue 1997 Chevy S-10 pickup truck with grey cap on it was stolen from the rear of her home 2 p.m. Saturday.

■ Employees of Big G Tire reported 8:45 a.m. Saturday four used tires were stolen from the side of their building. Employees saw a white Ford Ranger pulling away from the building with the tires in the back of the truck, police reported.

Carroll Township

■ Robert Nemec, 42, of 300 Long Ave., Carroll Township, was charged with allegedly violating a protection from abuse order 7:40 p.m. Sunday at 93 Terrace Drive, police reported.

■ A car driven by Shanna Reese, 18, of 10 Barnickel St., Meadowlands, slid on the snow-covered road surface. 8:30 p.m. Friday, causing the vehicle to exit Columbia Road, hit a mailbox, travel through over a ditch and strike a large tree, police reported.

A passenger in the car, a 15-year old girl, suffered minor injuries and was treated at the scene, police reported.

Southwest Regional

■ Police are investigating a two-vehicle accident at 6:32 p.m. Thursday on Dally Road at Chestnut Street in Long Branch.

A Chevrolet Silverado driven by Steven Crone of Coal Center collided with a vehicle operated by James J. Zober of California, police said. Zober was taken to Mon Valley Hospital for treatment. Roscoe firefighters assisted at the scene.

California

■ Nychole Marie Whitlock, 22, of Monessen; Joshua L. Maddox, 19, of Pittsburgh; and Robert D. Cook, 19, of Cincinnati, Ohio, were all charged with disorderly conduct 2:45 a.m. Saturday on Wood Street, police reported.

■ David Andrew Berish, 42, of California, was cited for public drunkenness 12:33 a.m. Saturday on Malden Road, police reported.

■ Rebecca Rose Clark, 24, of Audubon, Pa. was charged with furnishing liquor or malt brewed beverages to minors 1:30 a.m. Saturday on Second Street, police reported. Charged with underage drinking were Anna Marie Whipkey, 19, of Boswell; Michael S. Mackanos III, 19, of Hollsopple; and Jessica Lei Kaltenbaugh, 19, of Stoystown, police reported.

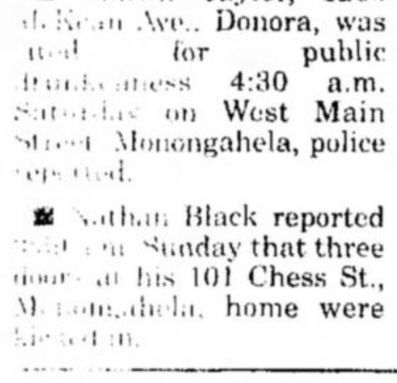
■ Matthew William Gribshaw, 23, of Irwin, was charged with DUI and driving on the right side of the roadway, 2:52 a.m. Feb. 3 on Wood Street, police reported.

■ Jessica Marie Mannion, 21, of Media, was charged with disorderly conduct, 3:20 a.m. Saturday on Second Street, police reported.

CORRECTIONS / CLARIFICATIONS

Valley Seniors to meet Tuesday

Members of the Valley Seniors Club will meet 1 p.m. Tuesday at Riverside Place, Charleroi. An incorrect date ran in a previous Valley Grapevine column.



Seeking exports

Do you know of someone who once lived in the Mon Valley, but moved on to forge a life elsewhere?

Is that person involved in an interesting or successful career?

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DEATH NOTICES

BASHADA — Pauline S. (Venneri) Bashada, 75, of North Belle Vernon, on Saturday, Feb. 23. Leonard J. Parzynski Funeral Home, Belle Vernon.*

BELLORA — Agnes M. Bellora, 87, of Monessen, on Sunday, Feb. 24. Dalfonso-Billick Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

HOSTETLER — John H. "Hoss" Hostetler, 90, of Charleroi, on Friday, Feb. 22. Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.*

LANG — Guy Lang, 86, of Monessen, on Saturday, Feb. 23. Dalfonso-Billick Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

*** See death notice**

Guy Lang
Monessen

Guy Lang, 86, of Monessen, died Saturday, February 23, 2008, in Monongahela Valley Hospital Inc. He was born in Belle Vernon on July 1, 1921, the son of the late John and Anna Catherine Winn Lang. He was a resident of Monessen most all his life and a member of Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church and the former St. Leonard Roman Catholic Church, American Legion Post 28, and the Eagles Aerie 2399. Mr. Lang was retired from the Monessen plant of Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel, having worked in the Open Hearth Electrical Department. Following his retirement, he worked at the former Star Lanes Bowling Alley in Monessen. He was an avid bowler and a member of several bowling leagues over the years. He was a veteran of World War II, having served with the U.S. Army in Company L of the 319th Infantry Regiment in Europe, receiving the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with a Bronze Star. He is survived by wife of 64 years, Carmella "Corkie" Lang; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas D. and Patti Lang, of Belle Vernon; a daughter and son-in-law, Tanya and Lawrence Sobek, of Monessen; three grandchildren, Natalie R. Glaspey and husband, Christian, and Thomas A. Lang, all of Belle Vernon; and Yancy J. Sobek and wife, Melissa, of Monessen; four great-grandchildren, Christian, Carley and Conner Glaspey, and Isabella Sobek; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Rita and Bill Watson, of Monessen, and Donna and Frank Jan, of Columbus, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Melford, William and John Lang; two sisters, Evelyn Havrilak and Maryellen Wysochanski; and one granddaughter, Andrea P. Lang. Friends will be received Tuesday, February 26, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC. and CREMATION SERVICES, 441 Reed Ave., Monessen (724-684-8750). Services will be held Wednesday, February 27, beginning with a 9:30 a.m. Blessing in the funeral home, followed by a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass in Epiphany of Our Lord R.C. Church. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. American Legion Post 28 will conduct a service for their fallen comrade on Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. in the funeral home. Condolences accepted for the family at www.dalfonso-billick.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Pauline S. (Venneri) Bashada
North Belle Vernon

Pauline S. Venneri Bashada, 75, of North Belle Vernon, died Saturday, February 23, 2008, at 11:54 a.m. in Mon Valley Hospital, Carroll Township. Born August 11, 1932, in Belle Vernon, she was the daughter of the late James and Edith Spadafore Venneri. A lifelong resident of Belle Vernon, Mrs. Bashada was a member of St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church, Belle Vernon, and a 30-year member of the Anita Garibaldi Society of Belle Vernon. She was a retired clerk from the former Hills Department Store. Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Michael G. Bashada Jr.; a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Angela Bashada, of Loveland, Ohio; two daughters and a son-in-law, Tina Tatsch, of Belle Vernon, and Susan and James Boland, of Lawrenceville, Ga.; one brother and sister, Lewis A. Venneri and Lorraine Venneri, both of Belle Vernon; five grandchildren, Stephen Bashada, Michelle, Meghan and Michael Boland, and Justin Tatsch; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Edward Tatsch. Visitation will be held Monday, February 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the LEONARD J. PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME, family owned and operated, 626 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon (724-929-6183). Prayer Service will be held Tuesday, February 26, at 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Sebastian R.C. Church with the Rev. Lawrence L. Manchas, pastor, as celebrant. Interment will take place in Belle Vernon Cemetery. Condolences accepted for the family at the funeral home Web site, www.parzynskifuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Agnes M. Bellora
Monessen

Agnes M. Bellora, 87, of Monessen, died Sunday, February 24, 2008, in Country Care Manor, Fayette City. She was born in Monessen on October 16, 1920, the daughter of the late John and Mary Tormasi Kolveck. Mrs. Bellora was a lifelong resident of Monessen and a member of Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church. She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Harry A. Jr. and Patricia Bellora, of Donora, Keith H. and Brenda Bellora, and David A. Bellora, all of Monessen; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Regina Dzurik, and Veronica and John Catanzaro, all of Monessen; five grandchildren, Marc, Lisa, Kimberly, Adam and Amanda Bellora; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Harry A. Bellora Sr.; two brothers, George and John Kolveck; three sisters, Ann Roscoe and Elizabeth and Catherine Kolveck; and a daughter-in-law, Nancy L. Olexa Bellora. Friends will be received Tuesday, February 26, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC. and CREMATION SERVICES, 441 Reed Ave., Monessen (724-684-8750). Services will be held Wednesday, February 27, beginning with a noon Blessing in the funeral home, followed by a 12:30 p.m. Funeral Mass in Epiphany of Our Lord R.C. Church. Interment will follow in Holy Name Cemetery, Monessen. Condolences accepted for the family at www.dalfonso-billick.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

John H. 'Hoss' Hostetler
Charleroi

John H. "Hoss" Hostetler, 90, of Charleroi, passed away with his loving family by his side on Friday, February 22, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital. He was born August 14, 1917, in Twilight Borough, a son of the late Silas and Mary Young Hostetler. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Hostetler was a deacon and an elder at the First Christian Church in Charleroi and a member of the VFW Post No. 167 of Charleroi. "Hoss" was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who was gifted with musical talents, which he enjoyed sharing with his family and friends. He was retired from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel, Allenport Plant. Surviving is his wife of 68 years, Jennie Honchalk Hostetler; his daughter, Shirley M. Jolley, of Fayette City (Brownstown); his son, John H. Hostetler and wife, Linda, of Walhalla, S.C.; three grandchildren, Marla B. Jolley, John F. Hostetler and wife, Mandy, and Greg H. Hostetler; two great-grandchildren, John W. Hostetler and Megan Robbins; and nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Mr. Hostetler was preceded in death by his sister, Margaret Berton; his brother, Harry Hostetler and his son-in-law, Harry A. Jolley. Friends will be received Monday, February 25, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES INC., (www.schrock-hogan.com), 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, February 26, in the First Christian Church, Walnut Ridge Road, Fallowfield Township, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Jim Linn officiating. Interment will follow in Maple Creek Cemetery. Family and friends attending the funeral service are asked to go directly to the church.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mayview wants to ease patients' transition

After 115 years, the facility is slated to close by the end of 2008.

By RICK STOUFFER
For The Valley Independent
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Something as simple as inviting someone to dinner can have a huge positive impact on a person who's been released from a state mental health facility, Bob Fairchild said.

"Sometimes the people on the ward may be the only family that person had, and so being without a family can be a major depressive," Fairchild said Sunday morning at an adult education program at Bower Hill Community Church, Mt. Lebanon.

Fairchild, 38, who said he's spent time in Pennsylvania's mental health system in the central part of the state, was a surprise participant. He came to the Moffett Street church for an afternoon program, arriving early because of infrequent bus service from his North Hills apartment.

His comments gave a personal touch to remarks from Allegheny HealthChoices Inc. CEO Mary Fleming and Mary Jo Dickson, administrator of the Allegheny County Office of Behavioral Health. The two had been invited to present an update on the closing of Mayview State Hospital in South Fayette.

Slated to close by year's end after 115 years of service, Mayview will be the third state mental hospital in Allegheny County to close in the past 25 years, following Dixmont in 1984, and Woodville in 1992. The closings follow nationwide judicial rulings against long-term hospital stays for the mentally ill, treatment and medication improvements and a general movement toward relocating patients in communities.

"It's important that people know what to do, know about mental illness," Dickson said. "We have to plan for what's happening with current patients at Mayview, but also plan for people who would use the hospital if it was there in the future."

When the state announced in August that Mayview would close by the end of 2008, the hospital had about 225 patients, with about 60 patients discharged before the announcement.

"Today, we have 180 patients at Mayview, with about 150 from Allegheny County," Dickson said. The hospital serves Allegheny, Beaver, Greene, Lawrence and Washington counties. The plan was to have the patient number down to 150 by June 30, but Fleming said that might not occur.

"One of the big problems we have in reintroducing these people back into communities is finding suitable, affordable housing," Fleming said. Allegheny HealthChoices is a nonprofit organization hired by the five counties to oversee the five-county Mayview planning process.

Fleming said the reintroduction of most patients into a community setting has to be done correctly the first time, because "when you discharge a patient, that bed closes. You can't take the person back and put them in that bed again," she said.

Pittsburgh light-rail tunnel project faces rising costs

PITTSBURGH — Rising energy, concrete and steel costs have increased the price of Pittsburgh's light-rail tunnel project by at least $70 million, and the work has just begun.

The 1.2 mile, $435 million project is meant to connect downtown Pittsburgh to its northern shore with a light-rail system that will run under the Allegheny River. But the project has run into a number of problems.

First, workers hit unstable soil, and that was one factor in delaying the start of drilling from fall 2006 to last month. Then, bids on the initial contract were higher than expected and the Port Authority of Allegheny County trimmed its plans.

Now, rising steel, concrete and energy prices have further increased the price, meaning that even though the project is smaller it will cost $435 million instead of $362 million. Just digging the tunnel itself will cost an estimated $156.5 million.

"'I don't think a tunnel project has ever been built that didn't have cost overruns," Jake Haulk, president of the Allegheny Institute for Public Policy, told the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*. "The cost overruns were already substantial before they dug the first shovelful of dirt."

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

FEBRUARY 25

Today is Monday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 2008. There are 310 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Feb. 25, 1913, the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Philander Chase Knox.

On this date:

■ In 1308, Edward II was crowned King of England.

■ In 1779, American forces led by George Rogers Clark routed the British from Fort Sackville in the Revolutionary War Battle of Vincennes in present-day Indiana.

■ In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

■ In 1901, U.S. Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.

■ In 1948, Communists seized power in Czechoslovakia.

■ In 1957, the Supreme Court, in Butler v. Michigan, overturned a Michigan statute making it a misdemeanor to sell books containing obscene language that would tend to corrupt "the morals of youth."

■ In 1964, Cassius Clay (later Muhammad Ali) became world heavyweight boxing champion by defeating Sonny Liston in Miami Beach, Fla.

■ In 1983, playwright Tennessee Williams was found dead in his New York hotel suite; he was 71.

■ In 1986, President Ferdinand Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

■ In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

■ **Ten years ago**: The Supreme Court threw out a 16-year-old government rule that allowed company credit unions to accept members from other companies. Kim Dae-jung, once South Korea's leading dissident, was inaugurated as its president. At the Grammy Awards, Bob Dylan won best album and best contemporary folk album for "Time Out of Mind," while Shawn Colvin won song and record of the year for "Sunny Came Home."

■ **Five years ago**: Chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix said Iraq was showing new signs of real cooperation, but President Bush was dismissive, predicting Saddam Hussein would try to "fool the world one more time." Roh Moo-hyun became South Korea's new president.

■ **One year ago**: A female suicide bomber triggered a ball bearing-packed charge, killing at least 41 people at a mostly Shiite college in Baghdad. In Detroit, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan stressed religious unity during what was billed as his final major speech, saying the world was at war because Christians and Muslims were divided. "The Departed" won best picture at the Academy Awards; its director, Martin Scorsese, won an Oscar on his sixth nomination.

■ **Today's Birthdays**: Actress Diane Baker is 70. Actress Karen Grassle is 64. Movie director Neil Jordan is 58. Actress Veronica Webb is 43. Actor Alexis Denisof is 42. Actress Tea Leoni is 42. Comedian Carrot Top is 41. Actress Lesley Boone is 40. Actor Sean Astin is 37. Singer Daniel Powter is 37. Latin singer Julio Iglesias Jr. is 35. Rhythm-and-blues singer Justin Jeffre is 35. Rock musician Richard Liles is 35.

Associated Press

Pilgrims arrive today in the holy Shiite city of Karbala, Iraq, to mark the 40th day following the anniversary of the death of Imam Hussein, one of Shiism's major figures, who is buried in Karbala. The image on the flag depicts Imam Hussein.

4 Shiite pilgrims slain in latest attack in Iraq

Death toll in Sunday's suicide bombing increases to 56.

By JOHN AFFLECK
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD — A roadside bomb killed four Shiite pilgrims and wounded 15 south of Baghdad today in at least the third fatal attack on people traveling to one of their sect's most sacred gatherings, officials said.

The death toll rose from 40 to 56 from a suicide bombing Sunday — one of Iraq's deadliest attacks this year.

In eastern Baghdad, another roadside bombing wounded three pilgrims. A second bomb that went off a few minutes later about 70 yards away wounded a traffic policeman riding to the scene on his motorcycle.

The suicide bomber went after travelers enjoying tea and refreshments Sunday in a tent near Iskandariyah, 30 miles south of Baghdad. The blast killed at least 56 people and wounded 68, according to police and Babil health department director Dr. Mahmoud Abdul-Rida, driving the total number of pilgrims to 63 in two days.

Extremists had attacked another group of pilgrims with guns and grenades hours earlier in the predominantly Sunni Baghdad neighborhood of Dora, killing three and wounding 49, Iraqi military spokesman Maj. Gen. Qassim Atta said. He said the extremists fired from a mosque at the pilgrims and that a counterattack killed five of them, while two were captured.

U.S. and Iraqi forces have increased the number of checkpoints and imposed car bans and other measures in major Shiite cities to protect the worshippers traveling to Karbala, the burial site of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad, who died in a seventh-century battle nearby and became one of Shiite Islam's most revered figures. Ceremonies will culminate in Karbala Wednesday to commemorate the end of the 40-day mourning period following the anniversary of his death

Major Shiite events have frequently been targeted in the past by suspected Sunni insurgents led by al-Qaida in Iraq in their drive to stoke sectarian violence.

Recent commemorations — including the Ashoura festival in mid-January to mark Imam Hussein's death — have passed without major bloodshed amid an overall decline in violence across Iraq.

But the pilgrims who walk for days to reach the shrine of Hussein are vulnerable despite the increased security.

Suicide attacks and car bombings are frequently blamed on al-Qaida in Iraq, but U.S. Col. Tom James, commander of the 4th Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, which is responsible for the area around Sunday's attack, said it was too early to say who was behind that bombing.

Bomb attack kills army general, 7 others near Pakistan's capital

Mushtaq Ahmed is highest ranking military official to die in attacks in several years.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — A suicide bomber hit a car carrying the army's surgeon general along a busy road in Rawalpindi today, killing him along with at least seven other people, the army said.

Lt. Gen. Mushtaq Ahmed Baig appears to be the highest-ranking military official to have died in an attack since President Pervez Musharraf sided with the U.S. after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The blast was the latest in a series of attacks in Rawalpindi, a city just south of the capital where the military has its headquarters, and it is likely to revive concern about Islamic militancy in Pakistan just days after moderates won parliamentary elections.

Musharraf's spokesman dismissed suggestions from three U.S. senators that the embattled Pakistani leader make a "graceful" retreat from power after his opponents' election victory.

Musharraf was elected to a new five-year presidential term last year by Pakistani lawmakers, "not by any senator from the United States," his spokesman Rashid Qureshi told Dawn News television. "So I don't think he needs to respond to anything that is said by these people."

Baig, his driver and his guard were killed along with five civilians in today's blast, the army said in a statement. Musharraf himself survived at least three attempts on his life before he retired as army chief in November.

City police chief Saud Aziz told reporters at the scene that a black car whose roof was ripped off by the blast and dumped on the grassy median belonged to the army.

Dozens of troops and plainclothes security officials cordoned off the area, where at least six other cars lay damaged.

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THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Cuba's old-guard team still in charge

HAVANA (AP) — Raul Castro, Cuba's first new president in nearly half a century, crushed hopes that a new generation would shape the country's future by promising to defer to his ailing brother Fidel and the Communist Party's old guard on major matters.

Shunning younger candidates, the island's parliament tapped 77-year-old revolutionary leader Jose Ramon Machado for the government's No. 2 spot, meaning Raul Castro's constitutional successor is even older than he is, by a year.

The retirement of 81-year-old Fidel Castro capped a career in which he frustrated efforts by 10 U.S. presidents to oust him. But despite finally emerging from his brother's shadow, Raul made it clear that Fidel will continue to play a key role in running Cuba.

"Fidel is Fidel, we all know it very well," the younger Castro told parliament after lawmakers unanimously approved the succession with a show of hands. "Fidel is irreplaceable and the people will continue his work when he is no longer physically with us."

He suggested that no quick or major economic or political overhauls are in Cuba's future, and that the Communist Party collectively would take over the role long held by his brother, who still has the important position of party head.

U.S. to enhance ties with Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates vowed today to help Indonesia reform its military, saying the U.S. was ready to help provide airlift and other maritime capabilities the country needs.

And in what appeared to be a response to previous Indonesian criticism that the United States can be overbearing in its foreign and military policies, Gates said the U.S. can play a supportive role as countries like Indonesia map out their own futures.

"From time to time, we have strayed from our ideals and we have been arrogant in dealing with others," Gates said in a speech to the Indonesian Council on World Affairs. "In the end, we have always realized that our own democracy's strength ultimately depends on the strength and independence of other democracies around the world — including new ones such as Indonesia."

He emphasized America's ongoing commitment to the region, but also said nations in the area must also work more together.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

'Cash 5' jackpot at least $400,000

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $400,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Sunday's game.

Lottery officials said 96 players matched four numbers and won $209.50 each; 3,628 players matched three numbers and won $9 each; and 43,345 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The Valley Independent LOTTERY RESULTS

PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

DAY PICK 3:	6-2-6
NIGHT PICK 3:	3-0-6
DAY PICK BIG 4:	5-0-5-3
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	4-1-7-7
TREASURE HUNT:	2-10-14-17-24
CASH 5:	1-20-26-29-40
POWERBALL:	8-13-23-29-47
Powerball:	32 Powerplay: 3

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

DAY/NIGHT PICK 3:	0-0-3 7-2-7
DAY PICK BIG 4:	8-4-6-5
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	0-9-4-2
TREASURE HUNT:	2-11-15-19-25
CASH 5:	5-10-14-30-34

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

DAY PICK 3:	0-0-3
NIGHT PICK 3:	2-1-2
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NIGHT PICK 4:	5-1-5-9
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OUR OPINION

Foul stench from Veon deal

MIKE VEON must be quite a lobbyist.

The Pennsylvania House Democratic Campaign Committee late last year paid $40,683 to retire the campaign debt of the former No. 2 Democrat in the House. Mr. Veon morphed into a lobbyist after his 2006 election defeat.

Given that state election law mandates such committee expenditures be limited to things that "influence the outcome of an election," the legality of this payoff is in serious question.

Just as bad, three of the four campaign committee's leaders — Reps. Joe Preston and Dan Frankel of Pittsburgh and Jennifer Mann of Allentown — say they were unaware of their generosity to the former Beaver Falls representative.

House Majority Policy Chairman Todd Eachus of Luzerne County, who chairs the campaign committee, defended the payment, noting that Veon might run for office sometime in the future; he spoke glowingly of Veon's contributions.

That's the same Veon who was the only legislator to vote against repealing the 2005 pay-jacking and is closely linked to two dubious Beaver County nonprofit agencies being investigated by a grand jury.

Another grand jury is investigating the Legislature's four caucuses regarding bonuses given to legislative staffers during 2005 and 2006 — when Veon was House majority whip.

The repugnant stench of dysfunctional state government has become more foul.

ANOTHER VIEW

The (Allentown) Morning Call on a gun law case:

Pennsylvania's Commonwealth Court is to hear a case filed against the state Legislature by members of Philadelphia City Council next month. The subject of the complaint is gun laws. Given how volatile this topic is for Pennsylvanians to discuss, it's good that Commonwealth Court is taking on this case. At least, this time the odds are good that the discussion will be civil.

No subject of public policy has been more difficult in this state, and that includes other controversial issues such as abortion and illegal immigration. On the level of state government, as soon as a proposal arises that even tangentially touches on guns, it either gets immediately dropped or the discourse degenerates into demagoguery and personal vilification. That's unfortunate, because no matter how difficult it is to find common ground regarding guns, we need to be able to try.

This time, Darrell L. Clarke and Donna Reed Miller, two members of Philadelphia City Council, are seeking to overturn a 1974 law that says only the Legislature can regulate guns. That law was upheld by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 1996, when the court struck down a Philadelphia ban on assault weapons. Last year, Philadelphia City Council adopted four new regulations. They dealt with straw purchases of guns, the sale of certain ammunition, assault weapons and a gun registry. However, given that the state law still was in place, the adoption was something of a paper exercise.

Now, Mr. Clarke and Ms. Miller are asking for the state law to be reversed. City Council's effort, of course is in response to an increase in murders in the city — at a pace of about one murder daily over the last two years.

Their challenge is steep. First, the state courts generally look for ways not to reverse themselves. It is true four of the Supreme Court justices who voted to strike the assault weapon law in 1996 have left, but the tradition of stare decisis — letting tradition stand — is strong.

Speaking of strength, in Pennsylvania the tradition of gun ownership outside the cities is solid. About twice as many households here own guns as do not. And, through support of the National Rifle Association and sportsmen groups, gun owners let members of the Legislature know that they don't want them to pass any new laws.

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Nazi era is over

Charley **REESE**

Recently, 25 German professors issued a manifesto that said, in effect, that Germany had paid its debt for the Holocaust "in full," and that Germany should stop giving preferential treatment to Israel and adopt a more balanced foreign policy in regard to the Arab states of the Middle East.

Some German professors even went to Israel to debate the manifesto with Israelis at the Center for Strategic Dialogue at Netanya Academic College. Needless to say, the Israelis are outraged.

Still, it was something I've been expecting. Sixty-three years is a long time to pay for the sins of 12 years of Nazism. It wasn't as if Germany got off free. Germany and the German people paid a terrible price in blood and destruction for World War II. The country was literally destroyed, millions of its citizens were killed and maimed, 13 million were forcibly removed from their ancestral homes in the East, thousands of Germans starved to death immediately after the war, and the country was looted by the Soviet Union and the Western Allies.

Today, if there are any Nazis left, they are elderly. Even the postwar generation is now approaching retirement age. Since I don't believe in group guilt, much less transgenerational guilt, I have to agree with the manifesto. Enough is enough. The overwhelming majority of Germans living today had nothing to do with the Nazi government or with the Holocaust. It is time for Germany to put that era behind it and start looking out for its own self-interest in the contemporary world.

No German who was a child during the war and certainly no one who was born after the war need feel the least bit of guilt. They are not responsible. Those who were responsible are long dead or dying. After three generations, for Israel to keep extracting money from Germany smacks more of extortion than reparations. In the meantime, the Israelis themselves have some reparations to pay to the Palestinians, whom they uprooted from their homes and farms.

And while we're at it, it's time for the Justice Department to shut down its operation that continues to scour nursing homes in search of Germans who became citizens of the U.S. after the war. Not every German was a war criminal, not even every Nazi or every camp guard. What makes a war criminal are individual acts, not jobs. We should remember that in wartime in any country, the penalty for a soldier disobeying a direct order is death. If you were assigned to guard a camp, you guarded it. If you committed individual acts of cruelty, you are properly a war criminal; if you didn't, you aren't.

Most Americans today never saw Nazi Germany. Our visual impression of Nazi Germany comes mainly from movies and television — in other words, fiction as well as some newsreels and documentaries. For decades, Hollywood used Germans as its favorite villains. Only recently has it switched to Arabs.

I'm not suggesting that the Third Reich was innocent, but I am cautioning that the reality was probably different than the impressions in our heads, just as the reality of the Civil War was no doubt different than the visual images left to us by "Gone With the Wind," and just as the reality of the Lakota tribes was probably different than the images created in "Dances With Wolves."

The Nazi era now belongs to historians. They still have millions of pages of Nazi records in unread archives. Let them plow through them and write and argue about it. Today's Germany has an important leadership role to play in the European Union, and it should shake off those hands that wish to keep it submerged in the past.

Question for front-runners

Nat **HENTOFF**

This administration has been the most secretive in American history. President Bush seems to deeply believe that, as our commander in chief against the terrorists, he has had to suspend the constitutional separation of powers to make classified decisions and set classified policies without involving Congress or the courts. So how then will we — and the next president — know what has been done in our name?

Accordingly, Steven Aftergood — whose online Secrecy News I have often cited in this column — director of the Project on Government Secrecy at the Federation of American Scientists, has presented a quintessential challenge to the leading presidential candidates in an article for the Nieman Watchdog, a project of the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard:

"By now no one expects the Bush Administration to make itself accountable for its controversial and possibly illegal practices." But the next president will have the authority to declassify and disclose any and all records that reflect the activities of executive branch agencies. ...

"It goes without saying that genuine national security secrets such as confidential sources and legally authorized intelligence methods should be protected from disclosure." But with regard to other secret actions and policies, Aftergood continues, "the new Administration could demonstrate a clean break with its predecessor, and lay the foundation for a more transparent and accountable Presidency."

Aftergood asks the candidates fighting for the Oval Office: "Will you disclose the full scope of Bush Administration domestic surveillance activities affecting American citizens, including all surveillance actions that were undertaken outside of the framework of law, as well as the legal opinions that were generated to justify them?" But on Feb. 12, Sen. John McCain voted for Bush's warrantless eavesdropping. Sen. Hillary Clinton said she would have opposed it. Sen. Barack Obama was against it.

I would include the legal opinions of not only former attorneys general John Ashcroft and Alberto Gonzales, but most certainly those of their successor, Michael Mukasey, the more strategically opaque true believer in executive power in these jihadist times.

Aftergood also asks candidates McCain, Clinton and Obama to look into the CIA's "extraordinary renditions," pointing out that, "the U.S. Government has seized suspected terrorists and transported them without any semblance of judicial process to foreign countries where they have been tortured." And he also asks, what legal justification and authority did the president use in allowing these "renditions," according to the classified orders by which he gave the CIA special powers?

These kidnappings and subsequent tortures have done much to discredit the United States in countries from which the suspects were taken — and they have interfered with our intelligence gathering from officials there who are now accused of complicity with American disregard of the laws of those sovereign nations.

Also adding to the assaults on our reputation in countries that are not our enemies are such previously classified presidential supports for "coercive interrogations," including waterboarding. Aftergood asks the front-runners for the next presidency to find out: "On what authority did interrogators engage in what has long been considered a prosecutable action (waterboarding)? What other coercive interrogation techniques have been adopted? ... If there is to be accountability for the interrogation of prisoners in U.S. custody, the first step must be a forthright disclosure of what the Bush Administration has done."

The next president can do that.

Aftergood quotes McCain: "Excessive administration secrecy ... feeds conspiracy theories and reduces the public's confidence in government."

And he cites Obama: "I'll turn the page on a growing empire of classified information. We'll protect sources and methods, but we won't use sources and methods to hide the truth."

Aftergood also quotes Clinton: "We need a return to transparency and a system of checks and balances, to a president who respects Congress' role of oversight and accountability."

But I haven't heard any of the frontrunners stress this need for a clean break with the Bush administration's use of a "unitary executive" doctrine to cloak these and other extra-judicial, and indeed extra-legal, practices in deep secrecy.

Will they publicly agree to Aftergood's challenge to "declassify and disclose" these and other Bush administration policies that — unless exposed to sunlight — could continue to be embedded in executive agencies in the new administration?

In 1772, John Adams warned: "Trust no man living with power to endanger the public liberty!" That not only includes the Bush government's pervasive surveillance of us but also America's trust around the world to actually live by the values we are fighting, along with other nations, to protect against the terrorists.

The press and the nation's voters should ask these candidates whether they will start clean in the Oval Office.

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NEWS

Oscars become Coen country as brothers' latest film wins big

"No Country for Old Men" won a leading four Academy Awards, including best picture.

By DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES — They ground up Steve Buscemi in a wood-chipper. They made baby-snatchers out of Nicolas Cage and Holly Hunter. They turned mythic Greek wanderer Odysseus into a Depression-era roots-music minstrel with George Clooney's face.

Two of the most imaginatively twisted minds in modern film, Joel and Ethan Coen, completed their journey from the fringes to Hollywood's mainstream on Sunday as their crime saga "No Country for Old Men" won a leading four Academy Awards, including best picture.

In a year when the quirky, offbeat and just plain weird storytelling of the Coens triumphed at the biggest ceremony in show business, the oddball brothers found a lot to like in their fellow nominees.

"It sounds like a cliche, but all the movies that were nominated were really interesting to me personally, and that isn't always the case," Joel Coen said. "All of them to me personally I thought were fantastically good movies."

The Coens' brooding, bloody tale of violence in a desolate corner of west Texas was the American standard-bearer for an Oscar show that otherwise had an international flair.

All four acting prizes went to Europeans: Frenchwoman Marion Cotillard, the best-actress winner for "La Vie En Rose"; Spaniard Javier Bardem, who took supporting actor for "No Country"; and Brits Daniel Day-Lewis and Tilda Swinton, he claiming his second best-actor honor for "There Will Be Blood," she winning supporting actress for "Michael Clayton."

Talking to reporters backstage, Swinton still was in disbelief, saying she initially thought "I heard someone else's name and suddenly, slowly heard my own" when she was announced as the winner for her role as a ruthless attorney.

Associated Press

French actress Marion Cotillard reacts to winning the Oscar for best actress for her work in "La Vie en Rose" the 80th Academy Awards Sunday in Los Angeles.

"I'm still recovering from that moment, and I have absolutely no idea what happened after that," Swinton said. "So, you know, you can tell me my dress fell off and I'd believe you, so don't be cruel."

Day-Lewis, a previous best-actor winner for "My Left Foot," was gratified that a line he utters in "There Will Be Blood" — "I drink your milkshake," a reference to draining oil that's not yours — has found a life in the broader vernacular.

"I think it's fantastic," Day-Lewis said. "If people absorb something that you've done — for whatever your reasons are, it's not relevant — but if that gets absorbed into the culture in such a way that people make something else, somebody can make something else out of it, that's delightful to me."

By winning three Oscars — best picture as producers on the film, director and adapted screenplay — the Coens matched a feat achieved by only an elite list of filmmakers who also received three awards for a single film, including Francis Ford Coppola ("The Godfather Part II"), James Cameron ("Titanic") and Billy Wilder ("The Apartment").

They did miss out on a chance to become the only people to win four Oscars with one film, losing the editing prize, for which they had been nominated under the pseudonym Roderick Jaynes.

How did the fictitious Jaynes, whom the Coens describe as a cranky British recluse in his 80s, take the loss? "We haven't talked to him," Ethan Coen said backstage. "We know he's elderly and unhappy, so probably not well."

Crime often has paid for the Coens, a pair of Raymond Chandler and Dashiell Hammett fans who gravitate toward lawbreakers even in their comedies, such as Cage and Hunter's infant-kidnappers in "Raising Arizona," the bumbling thieves in "The Ladykillers," an abduction that leaves a trail of bodies — including Buscemi in a wood-chipper — in "Fargo," or Clooney and his fellow jailbreakers in "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"

"They're as talented as anybody in the game over decades now," Clooney, a best-actor nominee for "Michael Clayton," said of the Coens. "For 20 years they've made films that last."

In addition to its Oscar haul, "No Country" has delivered the Coens' biggest commercial spoils with $64 million and climbing at the domestic box office, topping the $45.5 million gross of "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"

The biggest commercial success among the best-picture nominees, the $100 million hit "Juno," came away with the original screenplay Oscar for first-time scriptwriter Cody Diablo, who penned wickedly smart dialogue for her cast, led by best-actress nominee Ellen Page as a pregnant teen.

"I've always been a writer, I've always been a storyteller, but I never thought about screenwriting," Diablo said backstage. "I grew up in the Midwest, you don't know any screenwriters. It didn't seem like a realistic career possibility."

Adding to the international Oscar flavor, the animation winner was a U.S. film set in a Paris restaurant, "Ratatouille." The best-song recipient was a tune written by the Irish and Czech stars of a micro-budgeted romance set in Dublin, "Once."

The globe-trotting thriller "The Bourne Ultimatum" swept all three of its categories, film editing, sound editing and sound mixing. Other winners included three films set around Britain and Europe: "Atonement" (music score), "Elizabeth: The Golden Age" (costume design) and "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" (art direction).

As singer Edith Piaf in "La Vie En Rose," Cotillard became the first performer ever to win an Oscar for a French-language film. Backstage, she crooned a bit of a Piaf song in French and described the task she had in playing the singer from her fiery teens to her fragile 40s.

"My aim was to understand her, to understand her heart, her soul, and so I went as deep as I could," Cotillard said.

"I tried to do my best to find her inside me. But it was not so hard because I really love her."

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Producers Scott Rudin, right, Ethan Coen, left, and Joel Coen accept the Oscar after the film "No Country for Old Men" won best motion picture of the year at the 80th Academy Awards Sunday in Los Angeles..

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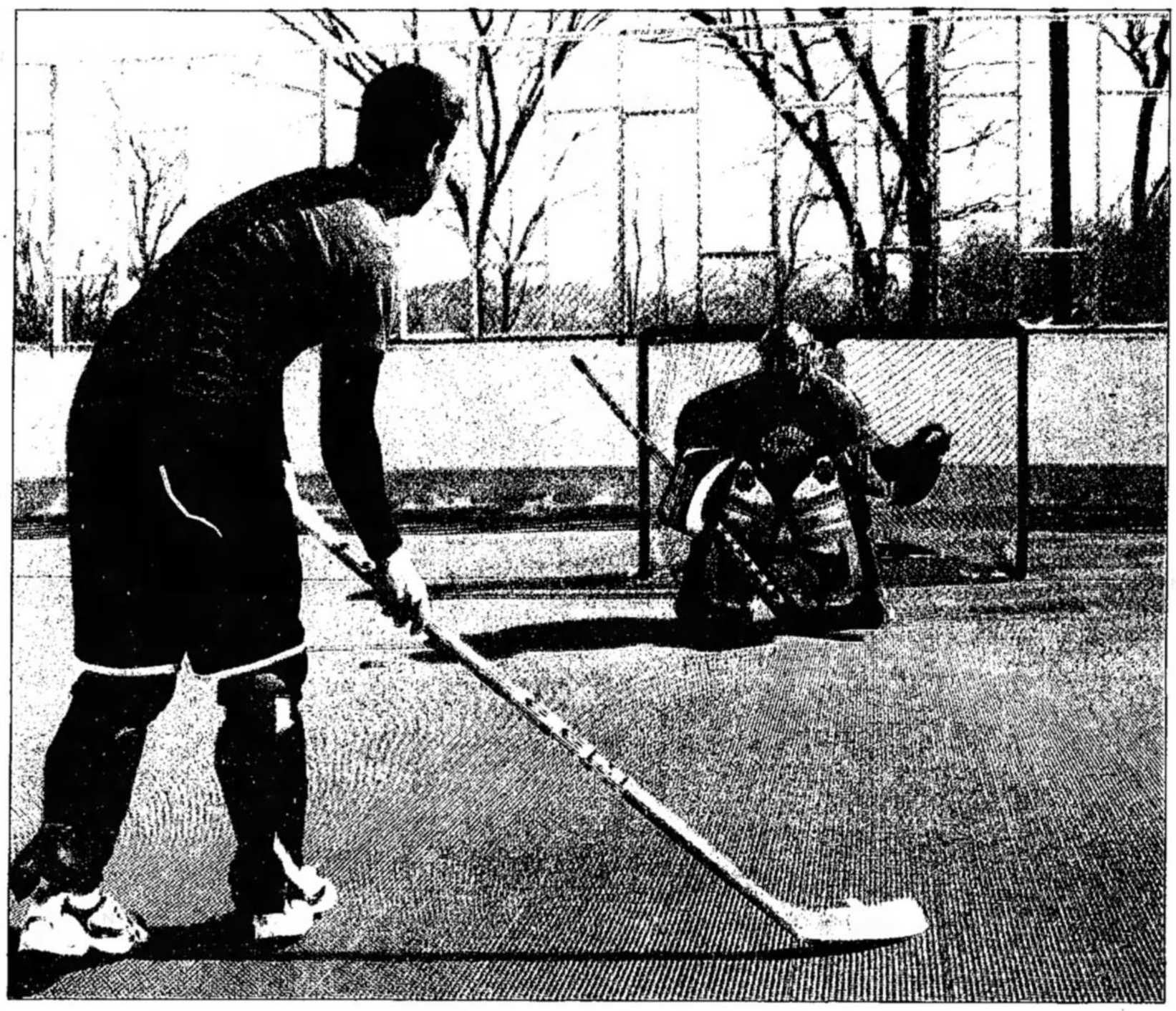
Dek hockey an enjoyable recreational activity

Players from R.A.W. and Team Goot jockeyed for playoff position Sunday in the Far East Division regular season home stretch at Bill's Dek Hockey along Route 51 in Rostraver Township.

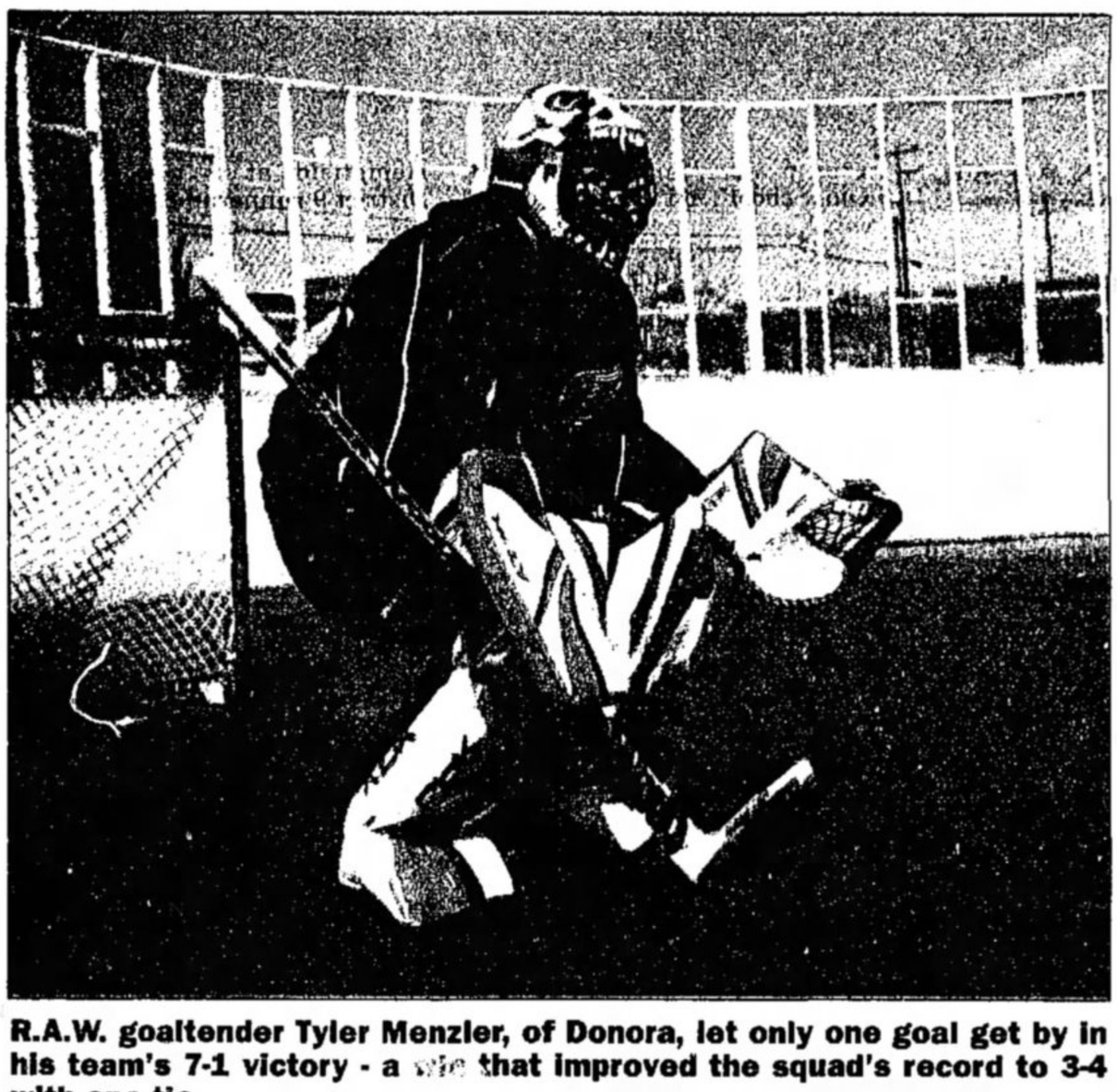
R.A.W. prevailed by a score of 7-1 in the early-afternoon game, improving their record to 3-4 with one tie, while Team Goot fell to 0-8 with one tie.

Photos and text by Jeff Pikulsky

Team Goot captain Dave Kefover, of Monongahela, fires a slapshot in warm-ups.



Team Goot winger Willie McKeen, of Monongahela, warms up his goalie, Dustin Briggs, of Forward Township, during the game. McKeen scored his team's only goal.



R.A.W. goaltender Tyler Menzler, of Donora, let only one goal get by in his team's 7-1 victory - a win that improved the squad's record to 3-4 with one tie.

Hayle Williams, 6, left, and her brother Josh, 9, were on hand to cheer for their dad, Shawn Williams, and team R.A.W. Pictured with the kids is Shawn Williams' wife Carolyn. The family is from Charleroi.

R.A.W. forward Mark Meehan, of New Eagle, fires a wrist shot. Meehan led his team with three goals and three assists in Sunday's game against Team Goot.

Team Goot's Russell McDonald, of Finleyville, left, tries to pass R.A.W. defenseman Mark Curry, of Monongahela. Curry notched two goals in the game

Another win for Tiger

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Shaquette Mance scored 33 points Saturday night as the Lady Vulcans knocked off the top team in the East Region. 2B

Sports Trivia

New Pittsburgh Pirates reliever Byung-Hyun Kim lost his spot in the Colorado Rockies' starting rotation last year to which former Buc hurler? 2B

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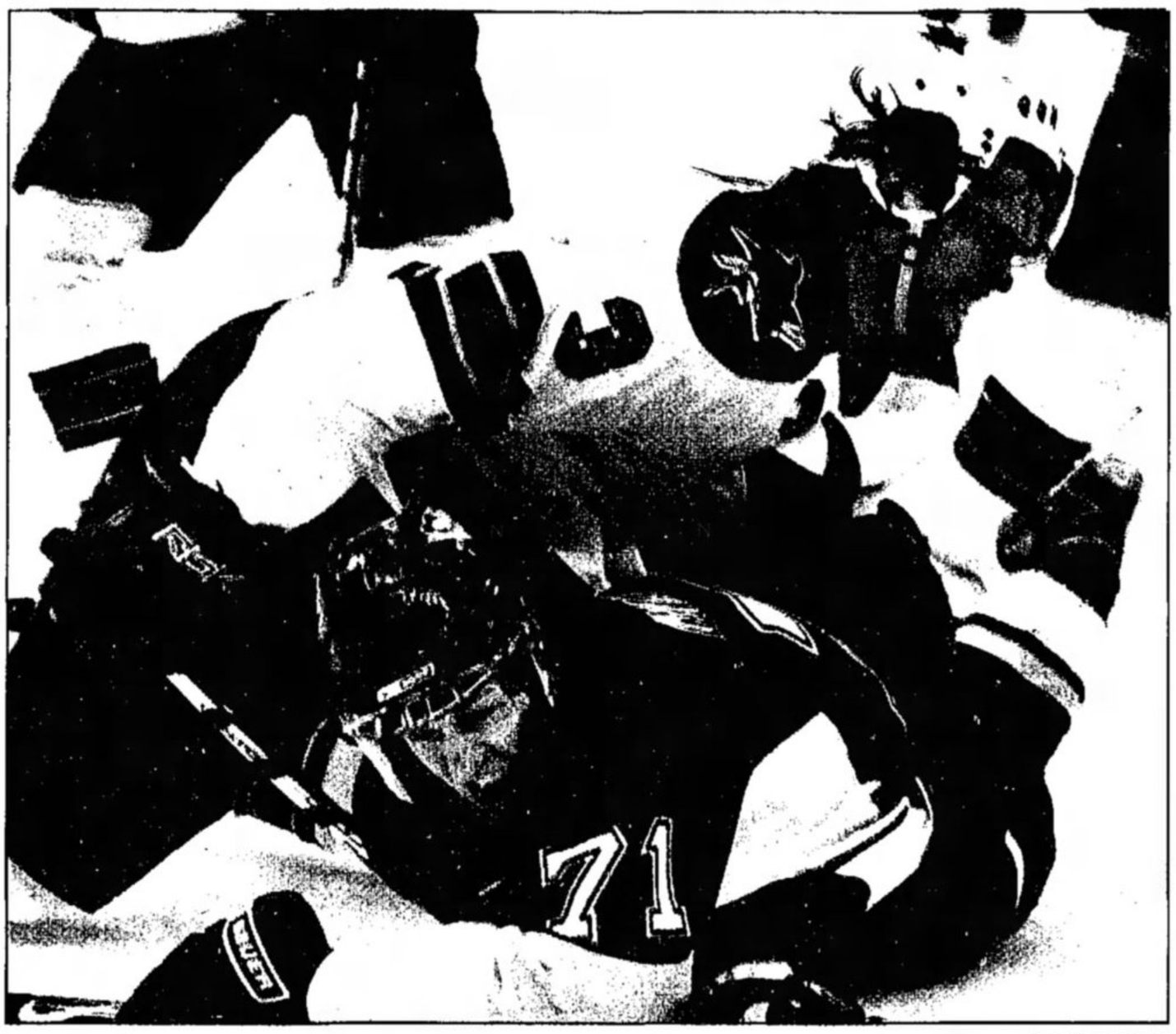

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San Jose's Douglas Murray falls on Pittsburgh's Evgeni Malkin in the first period of Sunday's game.

Sharks strike in shootout

San Jose scores three times to defeat Penguins.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — On a day that belonged to the goaltender until then, the San Jose Sharks needed to be perfect during their shootout against the Pittsburgh Penguins. Jeremy Roenick made certain they were.

Roenick scored the game-winner as all three San Jose skaters were successful in the shootout and Jonathan Cheechoo had the Sharks' only goal in regulation, leading them to a 2-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Sunday.

Penguins goalie Ty Conklin made 36 saves in regulation and overtime, but couldn't stop Roenick, Cheechoo or Joe Pavelski on wrist shots during the shootout. Sharks goalie Evgeni Nabokov allowed Eric Christensen and Jarkko Ruutu to score in the shootout, but stopped Kris Letang.

Roenick is 3-for-3 on shootout attempts this season, but Cheechoo had been 0-for-3.

"By themselves they're not necessarily bad goals, but you need to get a save out of one of them," Conklin said.

The Penguins got four points out of a difficult stretch of three games in four days against the contending Canadiens, Senators and Sharks, but squandered a chance for a much better weekend by wasting a three-goal lead and losing 4-3 in overtime to Ottawa on Saturday.

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>
> Penguins goalie Ty Conklin

"It was a big test for us to play those teams," coach Michel Therrien said. "I was afraid of this game (Sunday) because of many reasons, and we managed to get one point but we couldn't get two."

Evgeni Malkin, who began the day as the NHL's leading scorer with 82 points, went scoreless for the second successive day as Pittsburgh dropped to 9-4-4 without Sidney Crosby who hasn't played since injuring his ankle Jan. 18. Washington's Alex Ovechkin picked up a point in a 2-1 loss to New Jersey and tied Malkin for the scoring lead.

Malkin played a strong game against Ottawa despite not scoring, and Sharks coach Ron Wilson kept rotating defensemen Marc-Edouard Vlasic, Christian Ehrhoff and Douglas Murray against him.

"Just get in his face and wear him down," Wilson said of the Sharks' strategy. "They seemed to go against our top line a lot, Evgeni Malkin against Joe Thornton. That didn't scare me at all because we always have a good puck-possession game down low, so that partly negates Malkin. He can do a lot of damage."

Malkin was held to three shots, and Wilson felt Malkin wore down while playing a second demanding game in as many days.

The Sharks won their second in a row after dropping the first three games of an eight-game, 17-day trip. They ended a five-game overall losing streak by beating the Flyers 3-1 on Thursday, when Cheechoo also scored. Cheechoo has a goal in three consecutive games and four goals in five games.

(See PENGUINS, Page 3B)

Split decision for Monessen

Girls headed to North Hills Saturday, while boys will be at Central Cambria.

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Monessen High basketball fans were able to follow both its boys' and girls' teams in the recent WPIAL playoffs with no problem.

That won't be the case in the first round of the PIAA playoffs.

Both teams will be playing Saturday with their games starting three hours apart at locations that aren't close.

The Monessen girls (26-1), coming off their first defeat of the season in the WPIAL Class A championship game to Mt, Alvernia in double overtime, will face Ferndale (22-5), District 6's third place team, at 4 p.m. at North Hills.

The Greyhounds (19-6), meanwhile, will go to Central Cambria to face District 6 champion Bishop McCort (20-5) at 7 p.m. as the WPIAL's No. 7 Class AA team.

Ferndale, which lost to Bishop Guilfoyle, 49-29, in the semifinals, made news last month when its coach Mae Altman was asked to resign after allowing the team to watch an R-rated movie, "Old School", on the bus on its way home from a team trip to watch a Penn State game.

Altman, who apologized, was asked to resign immediately and then turned down the offer of staying until the end of the season.

The Lady Yellow Jackets were 18-4 before Altman's dismissal.

Assistant coach Sara Priest also resigned following the incident as did the school's athletic director Glenn Wagner.

The Johnstown television station reported nine other adults, including two teachers, were on the bus.

Bentworth's boys (17-8), the WPIAL's fourth place Class A team, will make its debut Friday in the PIAA playoffs at 6 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge against District 5 champion Southern Fulton (20-7) in a 6 p.m. contest.

Charleroi will be hosting a girls-boys doubleheader Friday.

Washington's girls (24-2) will face Bishop McCort (26-2) in a Class AA matchup, followed by Wilkinsburg's boys (15-11) against Harmony (22-5) at 7:30 p.m. in Class A.

Jeannette's boys, the WPIAL Class AA champion featuring Terrelle Pryor, will make their PIAA debut Saturday at Hempfield at 5 p.m. against District 9 runnerup Kane.

Hempfield is one of the WPIAL's largest sites, able to accommodate a crowd of 2,400.

Last week hundreds of fans were locked out of Jeannette's semifinal game against Canevin at Gateway, which can handle around 1,500.

Last year Hempfield was the site for Jeannette's PIAA contest with Monessen.

PIAA playoffs

Boys

Bentworth (17-8) vs. Southern Fulton (20-7), 6 p.m. Friday

Monessen (19-6) vs. Bishop McCort (20-5), 7 p.m. Saturday

Girls

Monessen (26-1) vs. Ferndale (22-5), 4 p.m. Saturday

Louisville tops Pitt

David Padgett's free throws keep Cardinals in tie for Big East lead.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Louisville couldn't be playing much better in February. The Cardinals can only hope it leads to a great March — and maybe, April, too.

David Padgett bounced back from a rare poor game to make three of four free throws in the final 32.1 seconds and No. 18 Louisville moved back into a first-place tie in the Big East, holding on to beat Pittsburgh 75-73 Sunday for its seventh consecutive victory.

Padgett finished with 21 points and reserve Edgar Sosa had 15 of his 18 points in the first half as Louisville (22-6, 12-3) tied No. 12 Georgetown (22-4, 12-3) for the conference lead and became the first visiting team to win twice at Pitt since the Petersen Events Center opened in 2002. Pitt is 94-10 there.

Sam Young and DeJuan Blair scored 20 points each for Pitt (19-8, 7-7), which once was 15-2 but has since skidded into an eighth-place tie in the Big East by losing three in a row and six of 10. Pitt had lost three straight only once

(See PITT, Page 3B)

BVA's Tasser makes history

140-pounder becomes BVA's first-ever WPIAL wrestling champion.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

Seven area wrestlers advanced from the WPIAL AAA and AA championships over the weekend, with one hitting a major mile-stone.

Belle Vernon Area senior 140-pounder Donnie Tasser made history Saturday by becoming the first wrestler in the school's history to win a WPIAL title.

Tasser decisioned North Hills' Alex Martinez, 5-2, at Canon-McMillan Saturday night in the WPIAL Class AAA, Southwest Region final.

"I knew going in I had a chance to win and I stuck to my game plan," he said. "It was a great feeling when the buzzer finally rang.

"I don't know how else to explain it. To be the first in school history and to have a better seeds going into states, it feels great."

"Donnie deserves the title," BVA coach Mel Grey said. "The biggest thing is that it says to the wrestling community that we are making strides.

"To our young kids coming up, they will see Donnie's name on the (practice room) wall and tell the kids how hard he worked to accomplish this."

With the win, Tasser advances to the PIAA's AAA tournament March 6-8 at the Giant Center in Hershey.

Tasser will have plenty of company in Hershey, as three other BVA wrestlers advanced with third place finishes.

P.J. Tasser (171), Donnie's younger brother, made it by picking up a 7-3 decision over West Allegheny's Jake Leninsky.

"The biggest thing about the way we wrestled was that we attacked back points and P.J. did that well," Grey said. "It broke the match open and P.J. dictated the action from there."

The other two BVA wrestlers to make it to Hershey are Jeremy Weslager (112) and Jacob Boyer (160).

Weslager downed Latrobe's Ryan Walters, 8-2, while Boyer pinning Trinity's Todd Martinek in 1:47.

"Jeremy evaluated where he had the best chance to succeed and we went at 112," Grey said. "He almost beat Penn Trafford's Shane Young, who has never lost in his career and now Jeremy knows he can get it done.

"Jake, he was fantastic," Grey said. "He wasn't treated fair in the seedings, but you play the hand you are dealt. He was fantastic."

(See TASSER, Page 3B)

Four Belle Vernon Area wrestlers have qualified for the PIAA tournament. From left are 160-pounder Jake Boyer, who finished third; 140-pounder Donnie Tasser, first; 112-pounder Jeremy Weslager, third, and 171-pounder P.J. Tasser, third.

SPORTS

Tiger Woods

Another win, record for Tiger

Woods prevails by historic margin at Accenture Match Play Championship.

MARANA, Ariz. (AP) — Even in another landslide victory, Tiger Woods conceded nothing.

He already was 8 up with nine holes to play and headed for the record books at the Accenture Match Play Championship when Stewart Cink finally got his moment in the high desert, holing a 36-foot eagle putt, pumping his fist in mock celebration.

Then he stood to the side of the green as Woods faced an eagle putt from the same line, about a foot closer.

"I told my caddie before he hit it that it was going in," Cink said. "He doesn't like to be upstaged in any way."

Alas, this putt spun around the lip and stayed out. Having raised his putter over his head, Woods cringed and let the club fall through his finger, and both players laughed and tapped fists.

It was that moment Sunday at Dove Mountain that illustrated where Woods is on the world stage of golf.

His expectations have never been higher. His game has never been stronger.

Woods closed out Cink on the next hole with a wedge that climbed over a bunker and spun back to 2 feet, his 14th birdie in 29 holes in his 8-and-7 victory, the largest margin in the 10-year history of the tournament.

It was his 63rd career victory, moving him past Arnold Palmer into fourth place alone on the PGA Tour's career list.

He won for the 15th time in these World Golf Championships, earning more money in 26 starts than Tom Lehman has earned in 438 starts in his PGA Tour career.

"It says about the same thing that just about any other stat you can pull up of him says," Cink said. "It says he's the best that's ever played. I don't know what else to say about that."

Each victory moves him closer to the game's greatest players. Ben Hogan is next on the list with 64 victories, then Jack Nicklaus at 73 and Sam Snead at the top with 82.

Snead is safe. Woods plays no more than 17 times a year, so even if he runs the tables, he can't catch him this year.

SPORTS DIGEST

Cal U men up win streak to 12

INDIANA — The California University men continue to be the hottest team in the PSAC.

The Vulcans stayed unbeaten in the PSAC West with a 60-47 victory at Indiana Saturday night.

The win was the 12th straight for California (21-,10-0).

Ali Mbaye had 20 points and nine rebounds to lead the Vulcans.

Cal broke open a 25-22 halftime lead with a 9-0 run early in the second half highlighted by eight straight points by Mbaye.

James Hairston and Ron Banks followed with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Darryl Webb,a 6-6 redshirt freshman, topped Indiana (12-13, 4-6) with a game-high 21 point.

Cal hosts Slippery Rock Wednesday at 8 p.m.

BVA, Ringgold swimmers to WPIAL

Belle Vernon Area and Ringgold will both be represented in the WPIAL swimming championships which start Tuesday at Pitt's Trees Pool.

Andre Maldonado, Zachardy Wardle and Cory Wyke will be leading the Leps' contingent.

Maldonado (200 IM and 50 freestyle and 200 nd 400 freestyle relay) is a four-time qualifier while Wardle (50a nd 100 freestyle and 200a nd 400 freestyle relay) and Wyke (100 backstroke and 200 medley relay) are third-time qualifiers.

Aaron Milkula (100 fly and 200 medley relay) and Jay Lewis (100and 200 freestyle, 20 and 400 freestyle relay) are second timers.

First-time qualifiers are Brendan Lacey (200 and 500 freestyle and 200 and 400 freestyle relay), Adam Hammill (200 medley) and Chris McConnell (200 medley). Mario Leone is an alternate in the 200 medley.

Sydney Rusk (100and 500 freestyle and 200 medley and 400 freestyle relay) and Ashley Bronaowski (200 and 400 freestyle relay) are second timers for the Lady Leps.

BVA girls making their WPIAL debut are Courtnee Basista (100 back, 200 medley and 200 and 400 freestyle), Melanie Omasta (200 medley relay), Megan Russell (200 medley and 200 freestyle relay) and Emalee Tunney (200 medley a nd 200 freestyle relay).

Hannah Naylor (200 and 400 freestyle relay), Allison Radic (200 free and 200 medley relay) and Melinda Siber (200 medley) are alternates.

Senior Jonathan Weeks and his sister, Sarah, a sophomore, are representing Ringgold in the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly.

Monessen ticket sales scheduled

Tickets for the Monessen High boy's and girl's first round PIAA basketball playoff game Saturday will be sold Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Tickets will be sold in the cafeteria Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Thursday from 9:15 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Tickets will be sold in the athletic office Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are $6 for adults and $3 for students.

Only adult tickets will be sold at the game sites.

Junior Penguins sweep Frederick

The Pittsburgh Junior Penguins swept the Frederick Freeze over the weekend to capture the Continental Hockey Association regular season title with a 32-1-3 record.

The Junior Penguins have a 32-game winning streak and gained an automatic berth in the USA Hockey Junior B Nationals in Marlborough, Mass., and the top seed for the upcoming playoff in Pittsburgh.

The Junior Pens were led over the weekend by Chaten Boscha and Mike Puskar with six and four points, respectively.

Belle Vernon's Ryan Homanics picked up another win to maintain his No. 6 ranking in the league among goaltenders.

Rain postpones California race

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) — One of the longest days in NASCAR history ended with Jimmie Johnson out front and a long way to go.

The two-time reigning Sprint Cup champion was leading Sunday when the Auto Club 500 race was stopped by rain after 87 of the scheduled 250 laps. Five hours later, NASCAR and track officials gave in to the water seeping out of the ground and across the asphalt track and postponed the completion of the race until this morning.

Travis Kvapil was just behind Johnson, followed by Kyle Busch, Greg Biffle, Kasey Kahne and Jeff Gordon.

Johnson and Hendrick Motorsports teammate Gordon, a four-time series champion, dominated while the green flag was out Sunday.

Steelers' Foote makes funeral offer

DETROIT (AP) — Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Larry Foote wants to help with funeral expenses for a 10-year-old Detroit boy who died after falling through ice on the Rouge River.

Foote tells the Detroit Free Press that the story hit home for him because he used to play on the river too when it was frozen. Foote graduated from Detroit Pershing High before playing football at the University of Michigan.

Mark Brown went through the ice Thursday night after he and two friends were playing behind a K mart store. Police divers found his body Saturday.

The family still is working on funeral arrangements.

Trivia answer

Josh Fogg.

Mance sparks Cal U upset

INDIANA — California University junior Shaquette Mance couldn't have picked a better time to play her best game for the Vulcans.

It came Saturday night at Indiana against the PSAC West leaders and East Region's No. 1 team.

Mance, who didn't start, came off the bench to pour in a career-high 33 points to lead Cal to a 71-69 victory.

Mance, a 5-9 junior college transfer, sank two free throws with 4.5 second left to win it for Cal after Indiana tied the game at 69 with under 30 seconds to go after going on an 8-0 run in the previous minute.

The victory put Cal (20-5, 7-3) in second place in the PSAC West and avenged a 67-65 overtime defeat to the Crimson Hawks (23-3, 8-2).

The win also prevented Indiana from sweeping Cal for the first time since 1999.

Mance, who ended up playing 36 minutes, was 12 of 18 from the floor and eight of 10 at the foul line.

Brooque Williams was the only other Vulcan in double figures with 13 points.

Kayla Smith and Amber Dubyak both fouled out for the Vulcans.

One of Cal's top scorer, Smith had seven points and five rebounds in 27 minutes.

Mance

Kylie Miller looked best for Indiana with 19 points.

The Crimson Hawks' Jahzinga Tracey and Stace Heberling both had double-doubles.

Tracey scored 12 points with 13 rebounds and Heberling had 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Cal hosts Slippery Rock Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Pryor gets huge reception from Ohio State crowd

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Terrelle Pryor, the prep quarterback out of Jeannette, acclaimed as the top football recruit in the nation, got a warm welcome Sunday at Ohio State's men's basketball game.

He sat in the second row and watched the Buckeyes play No. 11 Wisconsin at Value City Arena.

Ohio State's student section chanted, "We want Pryor" and "Terr-elle Pry-or" as he left his seat at halftime, walking to a nearby room where he was joined by Buckeyes coach Jim Tressel.

Pryor sat opposite the Wisconsin bench with two Buckeyes recruits, linemen Michael Brewster and J.B. Shugarts. Brewster, from Orlando, Fla., and Shugarts, of Klein, Texas, have already enrolled at Ohio State.

Brewster and Shugarts were introduced during a timeout early in the game and received a lengthy standing ovation from a crowd of 19,049.

The veiled message from the fans: "Imagine what we'd do if YOU came here."

Pryor, who walked away from reporters, is still mulling his college decision. The 6-foot-6 high school senior has made official visits to Ohio State and Michigan and has expressed interest in Penn State and Oregon.

Ohio State did not recruit a quarterback in the class announced earlier this month. Todd Boeckman is entering his senior season. The Buckeyes also have backups Antonio Henton and Joe Bauserman.

Pryor is the only player in Pennsylvania high school football to both run and pass for more than 4,000 yards in his career.

Scouts have compared him to former University of Texas and current Tennessee Titans quarterback Vince Young.

Fleury rejoins Penguins

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Marc-Andre Fleury was recalled from his minor-league rehabilitation stay on Sunday by Pittsburgh and is expected to play his first NHL game since Dec. 6 later this week as the Penguins, for now, will carry three goalies.

Fleury has been out with a high ankle sprain, the same injury that has sidelined Penguins star Sidney Crosby since Jan. 18. Crosby did not skate before the Penguins' games Saturday or Sunday and his return remains uncertain.

Fleury played well in all five starts at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton of the AHL, allowing seven goals.

He was 3-2, with both losses occurring in 1-0 games.

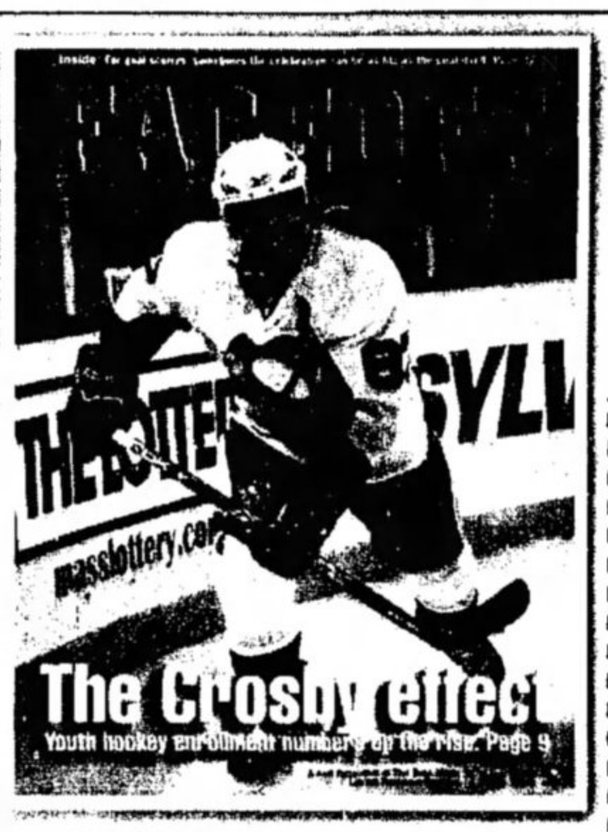
"The first couple of games I was rusty but, as a couple of games went along, I felt better," Fleury said. "It seems like forever since I've played in a game here and I'm looking forward to having a chance to play again."

Fleury, the No. 1 pick in the 2003 draft, still has some pain in his right ankle but said, "I can play through it."

Before getting hurt against Calgary, Fleury had won his last four starts and was 9-8-1 with a 2.90 goals-against average. He tied for third in the NHL with 40 victories last season.

The Penguins play their next three on the road, starting Tuesday at the New York Islanders. Ty Conklin has a 16-4-5 record as the starter with Fleury out, but Dany Sabourin (10-9-1, 2.75 goals-against average) is also expected to stay with the team.

Asked when Fleury might start, coach Michel Therrien said, "I don't know. He hasn't practiced yet."



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Bucs' Kim deal finalized

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — Free-agent pitcher Byung-Hyun Kim finalized an $850,000, one-year contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates on Sunday, four days after agreeing to terms.

The Pirates also designated infielder Ray Olmedo for assignment.

Kim, expected to join the team today, could earn up to $1.15 million in performance bonuses based on games pitched. His deal guarantees him $300,000.

General manager Neal Huntington said the 29-year-old Kim will be used exclusively in relief. Last season, 22 of his 28 appearances with Colorado, Florida and Arizona were starts. He went 10-8 with a 6.08 ERA.

"He has been tough on right-handers when he pitched primarily as a reliever," Huntington said. "Kim adds an experienced option for us in our bullpen competition."

The Pirates have four bullpen openings, with only closer Matt Capps and left-handers John Grabow and Damaso Marte considered locks.

The Pirates hope to keep Olmedo if he clears waivers. Olmedo, a waiver claim last month from the Toronto Blue Jays, had been one of 13 infielders in camp.

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SPORTS

High school basketball playoffs

Boys
Class AAAA
Championship
Blackhawk 68, Hopewell 55
Class AA
Jeannette 82, Beaver Falls 68
Girls
Championships
Class AAAA
Upper St. Clair 69, Peters Township 40
Class AAA
Hampton 45, West Mifflin 41
Class AA
South Park 47, Sacred Heart 37

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	37	21	5	79	170	148
Pittsburgh	35	21	7	77	186	171
N.Y. Rangers	32	24	8	72	166	158
Philadelphia	30	25	7	67	188	179
N.Y. Islanders	30	26	7	67	156	180

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	36	20	6	78	210	183
Montreal	33	21	9	75	196	180
Boston	32	23	6	70	165	167
Buffalo	30	24	8	68	185	174
Toronto	26	28	9	61	172	200

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	32	28	5	69	194	207
Washington	28	27	8	64	177	196
Florida	28	30	7	63	175	189
Atlanta	29	30	4	62	169	203
Tampa Bay	25	30	7	57	177	203

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	42	17	5	89	200	141
Nashville	32	24	8	72	186	181
Columbus	29	26	9	67	156	166
St. Louis	28	24	10	66	159	173
Chicago	29	27	6	64	178	180

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	33	22	8	74	180	178
Minnesota	34	23	5	73	170	168
Vancouver	32	22	8	72	167	157
Colorado	31	26	6	68	172	174
Edmonton	28	30	5	61	169	190

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	39	22	5	83	196	163
Anaheim	36	23	7	79	167	163
San Jose	3	21	8	74	161	151
Phoenix	32	26	5	69	173	171
Los Angeles	26	34	4	56	186	212

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Saturday's Games
New Jersey 4, N.Y. Islanders 2
Ottawa 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT
Chicago 6, Los Angeles 5, OT
Carolina 6, Washington 3
N.Y. Rangers 4, Buffalo 3
Toronto 3, Atlanta 1
Florida 2, Philadelphia 1, OT
Columbus 3, Montreal 0
Boston 5, Tampa Bay 3
Dallas 6, Nashville 3
Vancouver 4, Detroit 1
Sunday's Games
Calgary 2, Minnesota 1
San Jose 2, Pittsburgh 1, SO
New Jersey 2, Washington 1, OT
N.Y. Rangers 5, Florida 0
Anaheim 6, Chicago 3
Phoenix 2, St. Louis 0
Edmonton 3, Colorado 2
Today's Games
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.

Penguins summary

San Jose	0	0	1	0	— 2
Pittsburgh	0	0	1	0	— 1

San Jose won shootout 3-2

First Period—None. Penalties—Ruutu, Pit, minor-misconduct (interference), 4:02; Orpik, Pit (roughing), 9:42; Whitney, Pit (hooking), 14:52.

Second Period—None. Penalties—Ehrhoff, SJ (holding), 4:38; Whitney, Pit (hooking), 9:53; Carle, SJ (interference), 14:30.

Third Period—1, San Jose, Cheechoo 18 (Thornton, Shelley), 3:10. 2, Pittsburgh, Christensen 9 (Gonchar, Taffe), 10:02 (pp). Penalties—Shelley, SJ (hooking), 9:47; Cheechoo, SJ (holding), 16:06; Malkin, Pit (tripping), 17:22.

Overtime—None. Penalties—None.

Shootout—San Jose 3 (Pavelski G, Cheechoo G, Roenick G); Pittsburgh 2 (Christensen G, Letang NG, Ruutu G).

Shots on Goal—San Jose 14-7-11-5—37. Pittsburgh 4-10-7-0—21.

Power-play opportunities—San Jose 0 of 5; Pittsburgh 1 of 4.

Goalies—San Jose, Nabokov 33-20-7 (21 shots-20 saves). Pittsburgh, Conklin 16-4-5 (37-36).

A—17,132 (16,940). T—2:36.

Referees—Bill McCreary, Dean Morton. Linesmen—David Brisebois, Scott Driscoll.

Sports moves

BASEBALL
American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with Terry Francona, manager, on a three-year contract extension through 2011.

TAMPA BAY RAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jason Hammel on a one-year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with OF Shannon Stewart on a minor league contract.

National League

HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with OF Michael Bourn on a one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jonathan Broxton, SS Chin-lung Hu, RF Matt Kemp, C Lucas May and LHP Eric Stults on one-year contracts.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS—Signed QB Rex Grossman to a one-year contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

BUFFALO SABRES—Called up F Marc-Andre Gragnani from Rochester (AHL).

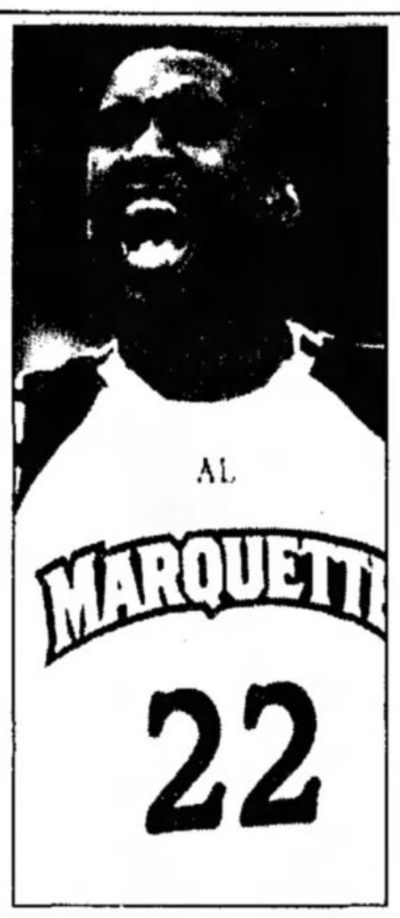
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Activated F Joe Sakic from injured reserve. Assigned F T.J. Hensick to Lake Erie (AHL).

DETROIT RED WINGS—Recalled D Garrett Stafford from Grand Rapids (ECHL).

MINNESOTA WILD—Re-signed D Nick Schultz to a six-year contract extension.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Assigned F Connor James and G David Brown to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL).

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Signed F Alex Steen to a two-year contract extension.



Jerel McNeal and Marquette will face Big East rival Villanova at 7 p.m. on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today
Television

7 p.m. - ESPN - Marquette at Villanova, college basketball.

7 p.m. - ESPN2 - Connecticut at LSU, women's college basketball.

7 p.m. - Versus - Philadelphia at Buffalo, hockey.

9 p.m. - ESPN - Texas at Kanas State, college basketball.

11p.m. - ESPN2 - Gonzaga at Portland, college basketball.

PSAC standings

Men
Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
California	10	0	21	4
Edinboro	9	1	20	5
Clarion	6	4	15	10
Indiana	4	6	12	13
Slippery Rock	4	5	7	17
Lock Haven	2	9	2	23
Shippensburg	1	10	7	19

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Cheyney	9	2	17	8
Kutztown	9	2	17	8
Millersville	7	3	18	7
East Stroudsburg	5	5	17	8
Mansfield	4	6	16	9
West Chester	2	8	11	14
Bloomsburg	0	10	8	17

Saturday
California 60, Indiana 47
Edinboro 101, Lock Haven 74
Shippensburg 66, Slippery Rock 49
Kutztown 79, Cheyney 71
East Stroudsburg 73, Millersville 70
Mansfield 60, West Chester 57
DeSales 75, Bloomsburg 67
Sunday
Clarion 122, Briarcliffe 62
Wednesday
Slippery Rock at California (8 p.m.)
Edinboro at Clarion
Indiana at Shippenmsburg
West Chester at Bloomsburg
Chyeyney at Millersville
Mansfield at East Stroudsburg
Columbia Union at Kutztown

Women
Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Indiana	8	2	23	3
California	7	3	20	5
Clarion	7	3	17	7
Shippensburg	6	5	18	8
Edinboro	5	5	16	9
Lock Haven	2	9	7	18
Slippery Rock	1	9	7	18

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	10	0	21	4
West Chester	8	2	17	8
Cheyney	7	4	11	14
East Stroudsburg	4	6	10	14
Kutztown	4	7	11	15
Bloomsburg	2	8	7	18
Mansfield	1	9	6	19

Saturday
California 71, Indianba 69
Edinboro 75, Lock Haven 65
Shippensburg 62, Slippery Rock 44
Cheyney 72, Kutztown 59
Millersville 65, East Stroudsburg 61
West Chester 82, Mansfield 57
Wednesday
Slippery Rock at California (6 p.m.)
Indiana at Shippensburg
Edinboro at Clarion
West Chester at Bloomsburg
Cheyney at Millersville
Mansfield at East Stroudsburg

Cal U lineups

Men
California - 60

Logan, 3-0-6; Hairston, 5-1-12; Brooks, 1-0-3; Banks, 4-3-11; Mbaye, 8-4-20; Sawyer, 2-0-6; Johnson, 0-0-0; Colao, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 24 (48), F - 8 (12), T - 60.

Indiana - 47

Brooks, 1-1-3; Rocco, 0-0-0; Webb, 9-1-21; Christiansen, 3-5-12; Amadou, 2-1-5; Robinson, 0-0-0; Shaw, 1-1-4; Gartner, 0-2-2. Totals: FG - 16 (40), F - 11 (21), T - 47.

Halftime score: 25-22, California.

Three-pointers: California (4-11) Sawyer 2, Hairston, Brooks. Indiana (4-18) Webb 2, Christiansen, Shaw.

Women
California - 71

Johnson, 2-0-6; Williams, 6-1-13; Andrews, 3-0-6; Dubyak, 3-0-6; Smith, 3-1-7; Benick, 0-0-0; Mance, 12-8-33; Briggs, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 29 (63), F - 10 (14), T - 71.

Indiana - 69

Filla, 6-1-13; Miller, 7 1-19; Shope, 1-1-4; Heberling, 3-5-11; Tracey, 5-2-12; Withers, 3-1-8; Corle, 1-0-2; Clair, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 26 (52), F - 11 (16), T - 69.

Halftime score: 30-30.

Three-pointers: California (3-7) Johnson 2, Mance. Indiana (6-12) Miller 4, Shope, Withers.

High school boys' basketball rankings

Pennsylvania high school boys' basketball rankings from The Patriot-News of Harrisburg for the week of Feb. 24, with school's district in parentheses, followed by the school's record and last week's final ranking.

CLASS AAAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Chester	(1)	28-1	1
2. Reading	(3)	30-0	3
3. Schenley	(8)	25-2	4
4. Norristown	(1)	28-1	5
5. McDowell	(10)	25-2	7
6. Pennsbury	(1)	27-2	2
7. Pittsburgh CC	(7)	23-4	10
8. McKeesport	(7)	19-4	8
9. Penn Wood	(1)	21-8	9
10. Bethlehem Liberty	(11)	24-5	NR

Honorable mention
Central Dauphin East (3) 23-5; Conestoga (1) 20-5; Downingtown West (1) 23-6; Easton (11), 24-5; Frankford (12) 22-5; Moon (7) 20-7; Ridley (1) 23-6; Southern (12) 21-6.

CLASS AAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. General McLane	(10)	24-3	1
2. Commun.Tech	(12)	26-3	2
3. Susquehanna Twp.	(3)	28-2	5
4. Blackhawk	(7)	23-5	9
5. Steel-High	(3)	23-6	4
6. Chartiers Valley	(7)	24-3	3
7. Hopewell	(7)	21-6	6
8. Greencastle-Antrim	(3)	24-5	8
9. Pottstown	(1)	22-3	NR
10. Great Valley	(1)	21-6	7

Honorable mention
Central Cambria (6) 23-3; Crestwood (2) 23-5; Franklin (10) 19-7; Franklin Learning Center (12) 16-5; Greensburg-Salem (7) 21-6; Holy Ghost Prep (1) 23-4; Scranton Prep (2) 21-7.

CLASS AA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Strawberry Mansion	(12)	19-5	1
2. Imhotep	(12)	24-3	2
3. Jeannette	(7)	20-4	4
4. Beaver Falls	(7)	22-4	3
5. North East	(10)	26-1	5
6. Prep Charter	(12)	17-7	7
7. Hughesville	(4)	24-2	8
8. Girard	(10)	22-5	NR
9. Holy Cross	(2)	24-3	10
10. Farrell	(10)	23-4	6

Honorable mention: Aliquippa (7) 16-9; Bishop McCort (6) 20-5; Columbia (3) 26-4; Delone (3) 24-3; North Catholic (7) 23-4; Northern Lehigh (11) 26-3; Southern Columbia (4) 17-10; Trinity (3) 17-8.

CLASS A

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Serra Catholic	(7)	25-2	1
2. Scotland	(3)	19-4	2
3. Girard College	(1)	22-3	3
4. Coudersport	(9)	27-0	4
5. Kennedy Catholic	(10)	17-9	8
6. DuBois CC	(9)	26-3	5
7. North Penn	(4)	26-1	7
8. Faith Christian	(1)	22-4	NR
9. Elk County Catholic	(9)	22-5	9
10. Williams Valley	(11)	22-4	NR

Honorable mention
Bishop Guilfoyle (6) 19-8; Harmony (6) 21-5; Lourdes (4) 19-9; Millville (4) 22-5; Notre Dame-East Stroudsburg (11) 16-9; Old Forge (2) 17-9; Pius X (11) 18-8.

High school girls' basketball rankings

CLASS AAAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Downingtown East	(1)	27-1	2
2. Methacton	(1)	28-1	5
3. Wilson	(3)	25-3	6
4. Upper St. Clair	(7)	22-5	10
5. Abington Heights	(2)	25-1	1
6. Central Dauphin	(3)	23-7	3
7. Mt. Lebanon	(7)	24-3	4
8. State College	(6)	22-4	8
9. Allentown Allen	(11)	23-5	NR
10. Northampton	(11)	23-6	9

Honorable mention
Central Dauphin East (3) 21-6, Cedar Crest (3) 22-7, Central (12) 18-7, Norristown (1) 21-8, Peters Twp. (7) 20-8, Scranton (2) 22-5, Spring-Ford (1) 26-3.

CLASS AAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Hampton	(7)	26-2	4
2. Allentown CC	(11)	26-2	3
3. Eng. & Science	(12)	23-4	5
4. Villa Maria Academy	(1)	21-6	6
5. Mount St. Joseph	(1)	25-3	2
6. General McLane	(10)	22-5	8
7. Mercyhurst Prep	(10)	25-2	1
8. West Mifflin	(7)	24-4	7
9. Holy Redeemer	(2)	21-3	NR
10. Bellefonte	(6)	20-6	NR

Honorable mention
Blue Mountain (11) 23-4, Gettysburg (3) 20-8, Indiana (7) 23-4, Lancaster Mennonite (3) 27-4, Lewistown (6) 20-5, Meadville (10) 20-7, Northeastern (3) 21-7, Selinsgrove (4) 26-1.

CLASS AA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Villa Maria	(10)	23-4	1
2. York Catholic	(3)	29-1	3
3. Trinity	(3)	22-4	2
4. Northern Cambria	(6)	25-1	8
5. Bishop McCort	(6)	26-2	4
6. Girard	(10)	23-4	7
7. South Park	(7)	21-8	NR
8. OLSH	(7)	25-2	5
9. Washington	(7)	24-2	6
10. Bodine	(12)	17-5	9

Honorable mention
Cambridge Springs (10) 23-4, Conemaugh Twp. (5) 23-3, Dunmore (2) 27-1, East Juniata (4) 25-2, Loyalsock (4) 26-2, Pine Grove (11) 20-8, St. Pius X (1) 20-7.

CLASS A

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Marian Catholic	(11)	27-1	2
2. Bishop Guilfoyle	(6)	25-3	3
3. Farrell	(10)	23-2	4
4. Eisenhower	(10)	19-6	5
5. Nativity BVM	(11)	24-4	6
6. Mt. Alvernia	(7)	17-8	10
7. Monessen	(7)	26-1	1
8. Reading C.C.	(3)	21-6	7
9. Coudersport	(9)	26-2	8
10. Saltsburg	(6)	20-7	NR

Honorable mention
Avonworth (7) 14-10, Girard College (1) 21-8, Lancaster Country Day (3) 21-4, Lebanon Catholic (3) 14-13, Lourdes Regional (4) 15-13, Northeast Bradford (4) 24-3, Old Forge (2) 17-8, West Forest (9) 22-6.

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	42	12	.778	—
Toronto	30	24	.556	12
New Jersey	25	31	.446	18
Philadelphia	25	32	.439	18 1/2
New York	17	39	.304	26

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	36	22	.621	—
Washington	26	29	.473	8 1/2
Atlanta	22	31	.415	11 1/2
Charlotte	19	37	.339	16
Miami	9	44	.170	24 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	41	15	.732	—
Cleveland	32	24	.571	9
Chicago	22	33	.400	18 1/2
Indiana	22	34	.393	19
Milwaukee	21	35	.375	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	37	17	.685	—
San Antonio	37	17	.685	—
Dallas	37	19	.661	1
Houston	36	20	.643	2
Memphis	14	42	.250	24

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	36	20	.643	—
Denver	33	22	.600	2 1/2
Portland	29	27	.518	7
Seattle	15	40	.273	20 1/2
Minnesota	11	43	.204	24

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	39	17	.696	—
Phoenix	38	18	.679	1
Golden State	33	22	.600	5 1/2
Sacramento	26	29	.473	12 1/2
L.A. Clippers	19	34	.358	18 1/2

Saturday's Games
Washington 110, Charlotte 95
Philadelphia 101, Miami 96, OT
New Jersey 102, Indiana 91
Milwaukee 115, Denver 109
San Antonio 98, New Orleans 89
Utah 100, Atlanta 94
L.A. Lakers 113, L.A. Clippers 95
Sunday's Games
Detroit 116, Phoenix 86
Orlando 112, Sacramento 93
Boston 112, Portland 102
Toronto 115, New York 92
Cleveland 109, Memphis 89
Dallas 99, Minnesota 83
Houston 110, Chicago 97
L.A. Lakers 111, Seattle 91
Today's Games
Toronto at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Washington at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Denver, 9 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

College basketball

MEN
EAST
La Salle 75, Duquesne 72
Louisville 75, Pittsburgh 73
Massachusetts 79, St. Bonaventure 56
Saint Joseph's 90, Rhode Island 83
SOUTH
Auburn 88, Alabama 76
North Carolina 89, Wake Forest 73
Virginia 78, N.C. State 60
MIDWEST
Illinois St. 54, Wright St. 46
Minnesota 75, Penn St. 68
Notre Dame 94, Syracuse 87
Wisconsin 58, Ohio St. 53
Xavier 57, Dayton 51
FAR WEST
Montana 72, Idaho St. 63, OT
New Orleans 60, Denver 54
Stanford 79, California 69

WOMEN
EAST
Canisius 59, Loyola, Md. 54
George Washington 61, Saint Joseph's 53
Marist 71, Manhattan 61
Northeastern 67, Georgia St. 61
Rider 65, Niagara 62
Siena 62, Fairfield 56
St. Bonaventure 64, Saint Louis 63
St. Peter's 61, Iona 57
Va. Commonwealth 80, Hofstra 61
SOUTH
Ark.-Little Rock 48, Louisiana-Lafayette 42
Duke 78, Virginia 70
Georgia 68, Auburn 56
Georgia Tech 74, Clemson 58
James Madison 64, Delaware 55
Longwood 73, Presbyterian 58
Maryland 92, Florida St. 84, OT
Mississippi 70, Alabama 54
Old Dominion 66, Drexel 51
Rhode Island 65, Charlotte 63
South Carolina 69, Florida 65
Southern Miss. 72, Tulane 57
Tennessee 72, Mississippi St. 46
Towson 58, George Mason 53
UTEP 89, UCF 74
Wake Forest 50, Miami 45
William & Mary 67, UNC-Wilmington 57
MIDWEST
Illinois St. 78, Missouri St. 66
Michigan 55, Illinois 52
Missouri 62, Kansas 59
N. Iowa 72, Drake 70
Northwestern 70, Penn St. 58
Notre Dame 66, DePaul 64
Purdue 69, Michigan St. 59
SOUTHWEST
Kentucky 59, Arkansas 56
Texas A&M 65, Texas 50
Texas Tech 65, Nebraska 56
FAR WEST
Air Force 62, Colorado St. 53
Arizona St. 69, Washington 53
Denver 72, New Orleans 44
Utah St. 44, Fresno St. 40

Pitt lineups

LOUISVILLE - 75

Williams 3-7 0-1 6, Clark 2-4 0-1 4, Padgett 9-13 3-4 21, McGee 1-3 2-2 4, Smith 3-3 0-0 8, Knowles 1-2 0-0 3, Palacios 2-3 1-2 5, Sosa 7-11 1-2 18, Scott 0-0 0-0 0, Caracter 2-6 2-3 6. Totals 30-52 9-15 75.

PITT - 73

Benjamin 3-8 1-2 7, Young 8-15 1-3 20, Blair 8-14 4-5 20, Fields 4-13 0-1 8, Ramon 4-8 0-0 11, Biggs 1-1 0-0 2, Brown 1-6 3-4 5, Wanamaker 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-65 9-15 73.

Halftime—Louisville 42-36.

3-Point Goals—Louisville 6-14 (Sosa 3-4, Smith 2-2, Knowles 1-1, McGee 0-2, Clark 0-2, Williams 0-3), Pittsburgh 6-21 (Young 3-5, Ramon 3-6, Brown 0-2, Benjamin 0-4, Fields 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Louisville 36 (Williams 7), Pittsburgh 29 (Blair 11). Assists—Louisville 16 (Williams 5), Pittsburgh 18 (Fields 7). Total Fouls—Louisville 15, Pittsburgh 15.

A—12,508.

Tasser (FROM PAGE ONE)

BVA had never taken more than two wrestlers to the PIAA tournament.

"We doubled the number," Grey said. "It means that we have kids who became more focused and wanted to be more successful.

"The kids have bought in to what we are doing. As long as they do that we will be successful."

"I am extremely proud to put four guys at states," Grey said. "Our guys showed up to wrestle and put an exclamation point on it."

Charleroi is sending three wrestlers to this weekend's Regional tournament in Johnstown following a strong showing at the AA championships at the Cougars' gym.

Dave Grillo (189) and Ray Campbell (215) took home third place finishes while Ethan Radomile (285) finished fifth.

Grillo defeated Valley's Kyle Dudley, 8-4, for the second time in two days.

"I am very happy with how David wrestled," coach Gregg Doerfler said. "He is getting in better shape and has matured as a wrestler. He is wrestling smarter matches."

Campbell shaded Burrell's Lou Gardone, 2-1. (Burrell), 2-1.

"Ray is a big surprise because he is so young but he just wins," Doerfler said of the sophomore. "He is unorthodox but he wins. You can't argue with that."

Radomile took fifth place by pinning Jeannette's Jason Marquis in 2:59.

"You can tell that it is his senior year and that he really wanted it," Doerfler said. "You knew he really wanted it and I am thrilled with his effort."

Doerfler is excited about the trip to Johnstown.

"David has been there before and he knows what to expect," he said. "Ray and Ethan, they have never been there before so I hope they don't get caught up in the moment."

Ringgold's Todd Miller (189) lost in the third place bouts to Hempfield's T.J. Valore, 6-3. With a win, he would have also qualified for the PIAA tournament.

Pitt (FROM PAGE ONE)

previously in coach Jamie Dixon's six seasons, to Villanova, West Virginia and Connecticut in February 2005.

Louisville, positioning itself for a high seed in the Big East tournament, won its ninth in 10 games and improved to 8-2 on the road. The Cardinals have won their last 12 games in February, seven this month.

"I do," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said when asked if he thinks these Cardinals have a deep tournament run in them. "I think we have depth and we execute well, and that's the key. Padgett just helped everything offensive and defensively. He's like having a coach on the floor. Generally you don't see 7-footers do that, show that much leadership ability."

Last season, Louisville's 66-53 upset win over then-No. 7 Pitt propelled the Cardinals to a six-game winning streak to end the regular season and an NCAA tournament berth. The NCAA looks to be a lock for the Cardinals this season, but Padgett likes how they're playing well again when the games really count, especially on the road.

"This is a tough place to play and their crowd really seemed to be going today," Padgett said.

Padgett came back with a strong game — 9-of-13 shooting with six rebounds in 28 minutes — after being limited by foul problems to one shot and one point in 17 minutes during a 61-50 win over Syracuse on Monday. He averaged 16.3 points in the Cardinals' previous three games, after missing 10 games early in the season with a broken kneecap.

Pitt never led in the second half — the Cardinals led by as many as eight — but Blair got the Panthers back to within a point at 71-70 by making two free throws with 21.6 seconds remaining.

After Padgett responded by making both ends of a 1-and-1, Blair tried to score inside and missed with 7 seconds left when Pitt needed a 3-pointer to force overtime.

Penguins (FROM PAGE ONE)

"You look at the standings and you see how important it is to get every single point possible, especially on this road trip," Roenick said. "You can go from fifth to 11th in one bad week."

Against Pittsburgh, Cheechoo ended a 43-minute scoreless stretch by scoring his 18th of the season early in the third, steering the puck around defenseman Ryan Whitney in the left circle before beating Conklin on a shot inside the near post.

"We came out and got a lot of shots. We were able to dictate play," Cheechoo said.

The Sharks outshot the Penguins 37-21 but were 0-for-5 on the power play. They also gave Pittsburgh a chance to get back into the game when Jody Shelley, who assisted on Cheechoo's goal, was called for hooking midway through the third.

Christensen, back after missing five games with a sore shoulder, tied it by scoring from along the goal line after taking Sergei Gonchar's giveback pass from the right point.

"Shift after shift, we couldn't generate a whole lot," Christensen said. "On the power play, I was determined to shoot the puck from whatever angle I could get it on net."

The game was delayed for 25 minutes because of a Zamboni malfunction that left a trail of red hydraulic fluid on the ice. Maybe the offenses took a clue from the delay, because there were few scoring chances and not many offensive flurries until Cheechoo scored.

With a chance to rebound from Saturday's tough loss before playing six of seven on the road, the Penguins did little offensively against the Sharks, who are 10-1-0 with one tie against them in their last 12.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Delmer Beshore became California State College's all-time leading scorer with 36 points in a 92-76 win over Edinboro. The Vulcans, however, lost their and the country's leading rebounder Scott Mountz with a cheek bone fracture suffered in a fight with the Scots' Randy White.

Belle Vernon Area rehired its spring coaches including Don Asmonga (baseball), Allan Agamedi (softball), George Estok (golf), Dave Simon (track) and Ralph Molinari (volleyball).

20 Years Ago

Cal U's basketball team finished the PSAC West season at 11-1 with a 94-88 loss. Dana Zajicek's 23 points were high for the Vulcans, who were coached by assistant Phil Stewart with Jim Boone home with the flu.

10 Years Ago

Latitia Williams had 21 points in Monessen 's 62-40 semifinal romp over Quigley at East Allegheny.

The Steelers signed free agent cornerback Dewayne Washington to a four-year contract worth nearly $8.8 million.

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WHAT IS THIS CALLED AND HOW IS IT USED?
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LAST TUESDAY I WAS TALKING TO THE COUNTER PERSON AT "MAILBOXES ETC.," AND WE GOT TO LAUGHING. THEN SUDDENLY SHE TURNED VERY SERIOUS AND SAID: "Y'KNOW, YOU HAVE A REALLY UNUSUAL LAUGH"...
SHE SAID THAT?
YEAH, AND EVER SINCE THEN, I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO LAUGH AT ANYTHING.
WOW.
YOU HAVEN'T LAUGHED EVEN ONCE?
WELL I SORT OF CHUCKLED AT A GEICO AD, BUT IT CAME OUT THROUGH MY NOSE...

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WHEN WE WERE KIDS IT WAS "ELBOWS OFF THE TABLE"
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AW, C'MON!
TAP TAP TAPPETY TAP TAP TAP
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HOW TIRED WERE YOU?
I WAS SO TIRED, I HAD TO DRINK A CUP OF COFFEE JUST TO GET THE ENERGY TO GO TO BED!
2/25

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SOMETIMES I WORRY ABOUT HAVING TOO MUCH FUN.
THAT IF WE ENJOY OURSELVES TOO MUCH, THERE WILL BE SOME TRAGEDY RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER TO KNOCK US BACK DOWN.
DOES THIS MEAN WE'RE NOT GOING TO DRIVE A TAXIDERMIED MOUSE AROUND IN A REMOTE-CONTROLLED CONVERTIBLE DURING YOUR SISTER'S SLUMBER PARTY?
WE ALREADY MADE HIS TINY HELMET AND DRIVING GLOVES, SO WE'LL JUST PREPARE FOR THE WORST.

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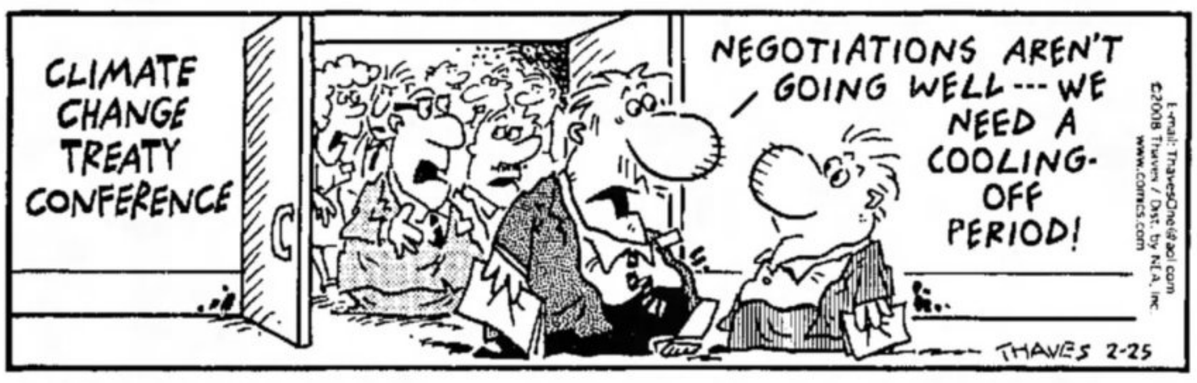

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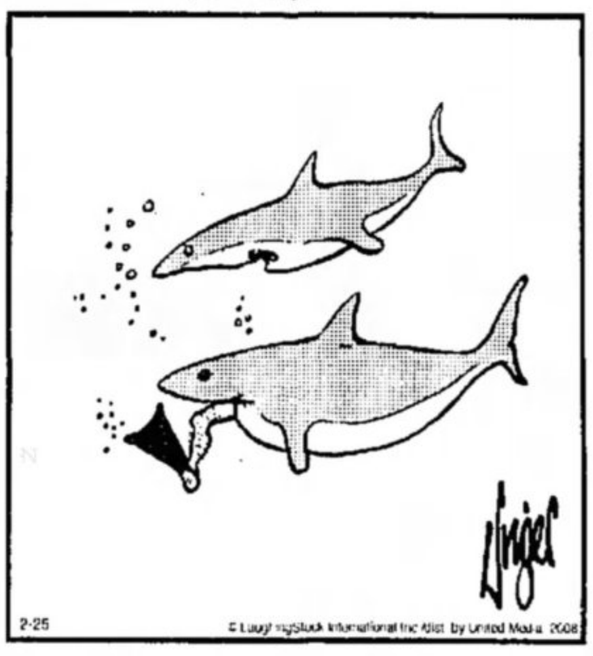

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DEAD PEOPLE FLOAT TO THE SKY INTO THE CLOUDS ... THE GRAYER THE CLOUD, THE MORE DEAD PEOPLE ARE IN 'EM...
AND THEY'RE ALL LOOKIN' AT YOU.

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HI, MRS. CZERWICKI.
GOODNESS, NATE, LOOK AT YOUR POSTURE! WHY CAN'T YOU STAND UP STRAIGHT?
OH, DEAR
I'M ACTUALLY CONSIDERING GETTING ONE OF THOSE WUSSIFIED BACKPACKS WITH WHEELS.

ALLEY OOP® by Dave Graue

I STILL CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHY ARLO TOLD OOOLA I WAS SICK!
I BETTER GO FIND HER!
YOU WORRY TOO MUCH, OOP!
2-25
OBVIOUSLY ARLO JUST GAVE OOOLA FALSE INFORMATION!
IT'S APPARENT YOU'RE NOT SICK, SO ONCE SHE REALIZES YOU AREN'T THERE, SHE'LL COME BACK!
I GUESS...

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THAT'S TRAIL... LET'S GO DOWN AND GIVE HIM A HAND!
I'M NOT GOING TO HANG AROUND AND GO TO JAIL...I'LL TRY TO HELP BRICE LATER!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU AND BULL MALONE'S WIDOW, BUT I'M GOING TO FIND OUT!
2-25
JACK ELROD

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ACROSS

1 Mild onion
5 Cabin
8 Karachi language
12 Shah's land
13 Pseudonym letters
14 Name of a thing
15 Challenge
16 Flipped (2 wds.)
18 Casual wear
20 Greasy
21 Bad-mouth
22 Put on
23 Fishtailed
26 Cheekier
29 Treated a sprain
30 Redcaps' burden
31 Grade-schooler
33 Once called
34 Slide sideways
35 Ms. McEntire
36 Did some camels
38 Like fallen logs
39 Arrow launcher
40 Sixth notes
41 High mountain
43 Romantic duo
46 Beat-up
48 Jorge's mouth
50 Prince Charles' sister
51 — for the books
52 Savvy about (2 wds.)
53 Mermaids' domains
54 Used to be
55 Fresh

DOWN

1 Maximum
2 Southpaw stats
3 Tarzan's title
4 Worked dough
5 Chicago Black —
6 Banjo cousins
7 Cure hides
8 Relax
9 Make turbid
10 In a fitting manner
11 Berlin conjunction
17 Shed contents
19 British FBI
22 Ruler of Venice
23 — and yang
24 Snake eyes
25 Pay period
26 Modem-speed unit
27 Is very thrifty
28 Barbecue treats
30 Played a trumpet
32 Bad hair —
34 Feed the fire
35 Valentine flower
37 Lessens
38 NBA player
40 Mine finds
41 Window part
42 Vulcan's forge
43 Home of jazz
44 Snag a dogie
45 Barge
46 College degrees
47 Straight line
49 No matter which

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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The outside of the EdenPURE® only gets warm to the touch so that it will not burn children or pets. Pets can sleep on it when it is operating without harm.

The EdenPURE® will also make you healthier. That is because, unlike other heating sources, it will not reduce humidity or oxygen in the room. Typical heating sources reduce humidity which dries out your sinuses, makes you more susceptible to disease and makes your skin dry. With other heating sources, you'll notice that you get sleepy when the heat comes on because they are burning up oxygen.

The advanced space-age EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater also heats the room evenly, wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling. Other heating sources heat rooms unevenly with most of the heat concentrated high in the room and to the center of the room. And, as you know, portable heaters only heat an area a few feet around the heater. With the EdenPURE®, the temperature will not vary in any part of the room.

Unlike other heating sources, the EdenPURE® cannot put poisonous carbon monoxide into a room or any type of fumes or any type of harmful radiation.

For more details on the amazing EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater, here is my interview with Julius Toth, Director of Product Development for BioTech Research®.

Q. What is the origin of this amazing heating element in the EdenPURE®?

A. This advanced heating element was discovered accidentally by a man named John Jones. He had a large old farmhouse that was impossible to heat. Jones had a coal furnace in his basement. Jones placed a sheet of cured copper near the furnace to store it. Cured copper is a type of copper that goes through an extensive heating process to give it special properties.

After the fire went out in the coal furnace, Jones noticed that the sheet of copper was heating his entire basement evenly, even though the furnace was no longer putting out heat. He also was amazed as to how long the heat stayed in the copper and continued to warm the room.

Jones was so taken back by this that he started to experiment. He formed a company to develop a heating source out of this cured copper. But Jones had a number of children and he did not want a heating source that would cause a fire or create other hazardous situations like creating carbon monoxide or radiation. He also did not want his children to get burned.

To make a long story short, through a great deal of research and development, Jones developed a heating source that utilized commercial infrared quartz tubes.

Q. What advantages does infrared quartz tube heating source have over other heating source products?

A. John Jones designed his heating source around the three most important consumer benefits: economy, comfort, and safety. The final development of this infrared quartz heat source cannot be matched by any other heating system in the world.

In the EdenPURE® system, electricity is used to generate infrared light which, in turn, creates a very safe heat. Infrared is the safest form of heat because it does not create carbon monoxide or harmful radiation. And, most importantly, infrared heat does not reach a burning temperature.

After a great deal of research and development, very efficient infrared heat chambers were developed that utilize three unique patented solid copper heat exchangers in one EdenPURE® heater. Over 5 years of research, development and real life field testing stand behind this heat source. It has now worked in residential and commercial applications worldwide for over 25 years.

Q. Why is it that this quartz infrared heating source uses less energy to create heat than other sources?

A. Actually, there is more than one reason. One of the primary reasons is that heat at combustion level, which is what all other heat sources use, causes the heat to instantly rise to the ceiling. Therefore, the heat is not evenly distributed, causing a very inefficient and uncomfortable heat source.

The EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater does not use burning heat. Once the heat exchanger absorbs the infrared heat, it exhales the heat into the living area which is carried by the existing humidity in the air. This causes the heat to travel rapidly and evenly throughout a room.

In actual studies, photos using infrared lighting demonstrated that the heat was almost perfectly even from floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall. The EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared efficiency is based on the distribution of energized air, not on just fan movement. This heat is coined as "soft heat" due to how comfortable it is.

Q. What are the other disadvantages of combustion heat sources?

A. Heat sources that are above the burning level have many unhealthy side effects. One of these is that it creates dry, irritating indoor air. It also burns a great deal of oxygen in the air. If you remember, when you sit in front of a fireplace or a portable heater or close to a heat source, you will remember yawning. This is because you are not getting enough oxygen.

This dry irritating heat and lack of oxygen dries out sinuses and mucus in the throat, and makes people susceptible to disease. The lack of oxygen causes fatigue.

Also, many combustible heat sources produce carbon monoxide, static cling, and some produce radiation.

Q. So you're saying that children or pets can come up to this unit and touch it and not be harmed?

A. That is absolutely correct. As a matter of fact, pets are actually drawn to this heat because it is a natural source of heat, just like the sun heats the earth. Animals are much more instinctive than humans. This heat not only heats the air, but it also heats the objects in the room. It is a perfectly balanced heat.

Q. How can a person cut their heating bill by up to 50% with the EdenPURE®?

A. First, the EdenPURE® uses less energy to create heat than other sources, but that is just part of why it will cut a person's heating bill. The EdenPURE® will heat a room in minutes. Therefore, you can turn the heat down in your house to as low as 50 degrees, but the room you are occupying, which has the EdenPURE®, will be warm and comfortable. The EdenPURE® is portable. When you move to another room, it will quickly heat that room also. This can drastically cut heating bills, in some instances, by up to 50%.

Q. I also understand that the EdenPURE® produces clean fresh air without furnace filters. How can it do that?

A. A furnace generates a lot of dust due to the combustion. By lowering the furnace temperature, you are using your furnace less and therefore reducing the requirement for the furnace filters. Also, when there's no combustion, there are no harmful fumes.

Q. So, the EdenPURE® is totally safe to use?

A. It absolutely is. The EdenPURE® has zero clearance, which means you can push it up against the wall or furniture without risk of fire. Tests prove the unit does not transmit any energy into the atmosphere that will burn or harm anyone regardless of distance between the person and the EdenPURE®.

The EdenPURE® will pay for itself in weeks. It will put a great deal of extra money in a users pocket. Because of today's spiraling gas, oil, propane, and other energy costs, the EdenPURE® will provide even greater savings as the time goes by.

The EdenPURE® comes in 2 models. Model 500-XL heats a room up to 300 square feet and Model 1000-XL heats a room up to 1,000 square feet.

End of interview.

Readers who wish can obtain the EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater at a $75 discount if they order in the next 10 days. Please see the Special Readers Discount Coupon on this page. For those readers ordering after 10 days from the date of this publication, we reserve the right to either accept or reject order requests at the discounted price.

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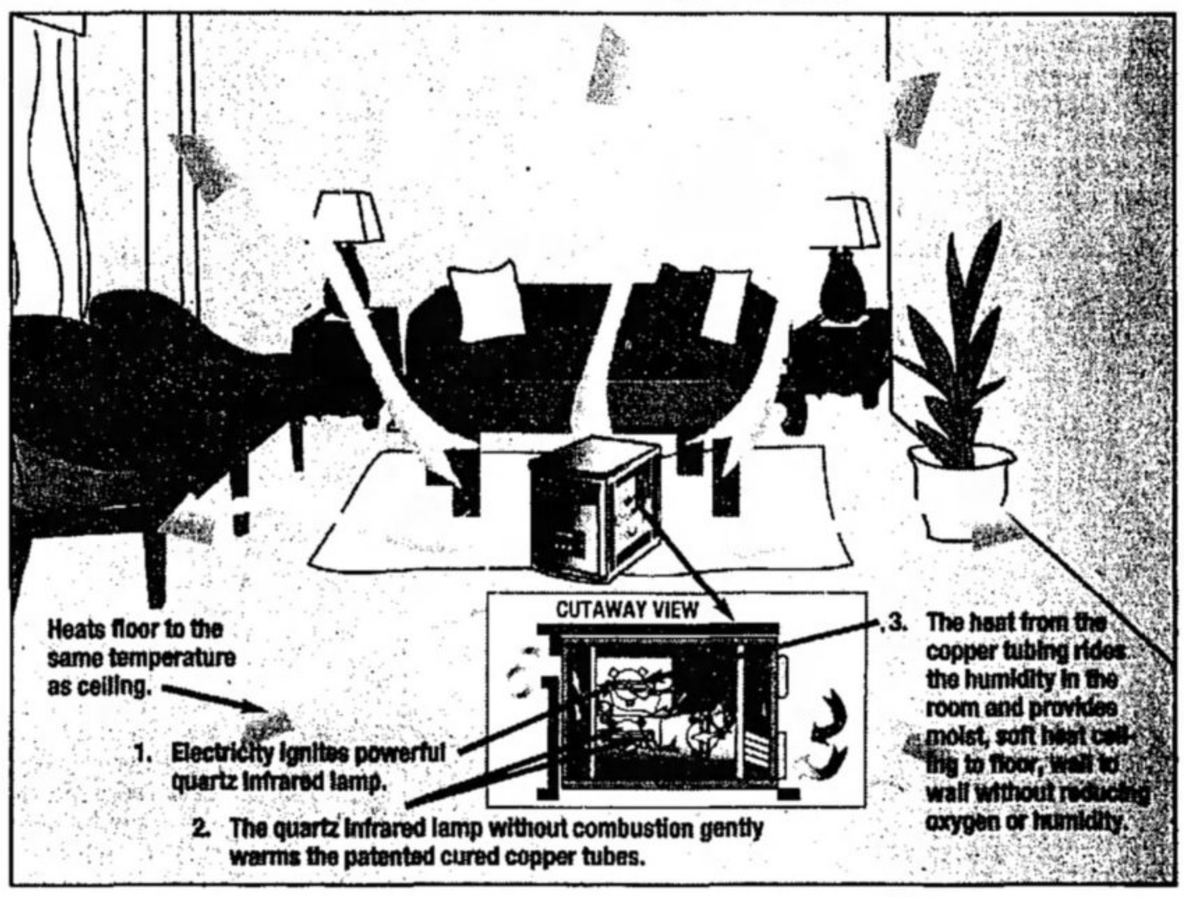
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The price of the EdenPURE® Model 500-XL is $372 plus $17 shipping for a total of $389 delivered. The Model 1000-XL is $472 plus $27 shipping and handling for a total of $499 delivered. People reading this publication get a $75 discount with this coupon and pay only $297 delivered for the Model 500-XL and $397 delivered for the Model 1000-XL if you order within 10 days. The EdenPURE® comes in the decorator color of black with burled wood accent which goes with any decor. There is a strict limit of 3 units at the discount price - no exceptions please.

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FEATURES

CALENDAR WATCH

Tuesday

■ Authority of the Borough of Charleroi board meeting, authority office, 4 p.m.

■ Belle Vernon Area Band Parents and Booster organization meeting, high school music room, 7 p.m.

■ Public CPR instructions, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 6 p.m.

■ Clothing ministry, Fellowship Baptist Church, Monessen, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Ernest E. Jobes Post 212 American Legion Auxiliary meeting, post, 7 p.m.

■ Resume and interview techniques workshop, Monessen Business Center, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Free tax preparation for low or medium income with special preference to ages 60 and older, Monessen Senior Center, (724) 684-6105.

Frugal Living

Budget brunch packs a big punch

Sara **NOEL**

I love waking up to the familiar smells of bacon and eggs cooking and coffee brewing.

The problem is that many families often don't wake up on leisurely weekends at the same time, so brunch makes more sense. It's nice to "do" brunch out, but it can be crowded on weekends or special occasions and costly, too.

So why not make a midday meal at home. A few tweaks can make family favorites better.

For instance, if you typically have pancakes, make crepes as a surprise. The crepe fillings can be prepared the night before, so your meal will be done in a snap.

Planning ahead using your slow cooker can make your meal low effort so you're not a slave to the kitchen.

The following recipes are simple and tasty. They're great for immediate family yet delicious enough to serve to guests.

Mocha Punch

8 cups brewed coffee
1/2 cup sugar
8 cups chocolate milk
1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
8 cups vanilla ice cream, softened

In a pitcher, combine coffee and sugar; stir until sugar is dissolved. Refrigerate until chilled.

Just before serving, pour into a punch bowl.

Add chocolate milk and sweetened condensed milk; mix well.

Top with scoops of ice cream and stir well, or, if in a casual setting, scoop ice cream into glass before pouring punch.

Crepes

2 cups flour
3 cups milk
4 eggs
2 teaspoons butter, melted, or vegetable oil
1/4 teaspoon salt

Whisk flour, milk, eggs and butter. Stir in salt. Heat a lightly greased, nonstick 6-inch skillet or crepe pan over medium heat. Spoon in 2 tablespoons batter; tilt pan to spread evenly. Return to heat; cook until golden brown on edges and top is dry. Turn and cook other side.

— submitted by Olivia, Vermont

Strawberry Hazelnut Filling

1 cup chocolate-hazelnut spread
sliced strawberries
powdered sugar
1 can whipped cream

Spread chocolate hazelnut onto each crepe. Arrange sliced strawberries inside. Roll up, sprinkle powdered sugar and top with whipped cream. Optional: Drizzle melted chocolate on top. Arrange sliced bananas inside or top with granola.

Strawberry Filling

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
4 cups strawberries, sliced

Blend cream cheese, sugar, lemon juice and vanilla. Fold in heavy cream. Fill crepe with cream-cheese mixture and sliced strawberries, and roll up crepe. Top with strawberries.

Slow-Cooker Eggs

1 bag (30 ounces) frozen hash browns
1 medium onion, diced
1 green pepper, diced
1 pound bacon, fried and crumbled, or ham or sausage, diced
1-1/2 cups cheddar cheese, shredded
1 cup milk
1 dozen eggs
salt and pepper to taste

Start with a layer of 1/3 of the hash browns. Layer 1/3 of the onion, green pepper, bacon and cheese. Repeat layering. Beat milk and eggs; add salt and pepper. Pour eggs into slow cooker. Cover and cook on low 10 to 12 hours.

— submitted by Cheryl, North Carolina

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: T equals F

"K ZHO'S AKYSGO SH SPG XGTY. K ZHO'S AKYSGO SH WODHOG UPH BWNGY AGYY BHOGD SPWO K ZH."
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "I'm just a girl from a trailer park who had a dream." - Hilary Swank, accepting the Oscar for Best Actress

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VALLEY CLUB NOTES

St. Anthony Altar Rosary/Christian Mothers

St. Anthony Altar Rosary/Christian Mothers of Monongahela held its February meeting Feb. 4 at Father Abbate Hall following the rosaries and Mass.

President Sandy Craig began the meeting with opening prayers and the flag salute. She welcomed the members in attendance along with guests Pat Polachek and JoAnn Schmidt.

The Rev. Joseph Feltz, spiritual director, was asked to say grace prior to the luncheon served by the social committee chaired by Janey Mellinger. While enjoying the luncheon, John Krempasky provided music. The following helped with the social committee: Bebe Barantovich, Marsha Vitale, Denise Kalan, Julie Appolonia, Mary Lou Jurik, Angela Hemmings, Nancy Necciai and Patty Vaccaro.

Following the luncheon, Krempasky demonstrated several string instruments that he plays as well as giving the group a little background information on the several instruments that he brought with him.

Craig began the business portion of the meeting by asking for reports. Secretary Nancy Sinko read the minutes from the December Christmas party and correspondence. Treasurer Cindy Patterson gave her report from December to February. Feltz spoke on the passing of Sister Lavrentia, former CCD director at St. Anthony's. Feltz also informed the group of talking with a former ARCM member who joined the group at age 94 and is now 107 and living in a retirement home for the religious and seems to be doing well.

Mellinger reported on the ongoing brick campaign and Helen Bugar reported on ill members.

Craig noted that volunteers are needed to help in the preparation of food for the Festa in June. Anyone interested can contact Lov Chiodo. Craig also thanked everyone who turned out in December for the Christmas party.

Craig announced that the annual spring covered dish will once again take place at the April meeting. The March meeting will be March 3 with the ARCM attending Mass as a group on March 2 at 10:30 a.m. Guest for the March 3 meeting will be Ed Repka, speaking on the art of pysanky.

The social committee will be chaired by Patty Labrasca.

Tish Cardis invited everyone to participate in the seven church walk following Holy Thursday service.

Following the announcements, financial treasurer Pam DeRose Behanna read the dues paid for the evening. November, December, January and February birthdays were acknowledged, followed with closing prayers.

Valley Grapevine deadline set

Items for Valley Grapevine should be submitted at least five publishing days prior to scheduled meetings or events.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dean-Cowen

Douglas and Stefanie Dean, of Fallowfield Township, have announced the Valentine's Day engagement of their daughter, Hillary Holland Dean, to Justin Laird Cowen, son of Jeffrey Cowen, of Fallowfield Township, and Anne Cowen, of Belle Vernon.

Dean is a 2007 graduate of Charleroi Area High School and is employed by Big Lots, in Rostraver Township.

Her fiance is a graduate of Triangle Tech, in Pittsburgh and is employed by New Belle Construction, of Belle Vernon.

A spring wedding is being planned.

Hillary H. Dean & Justin Cowen

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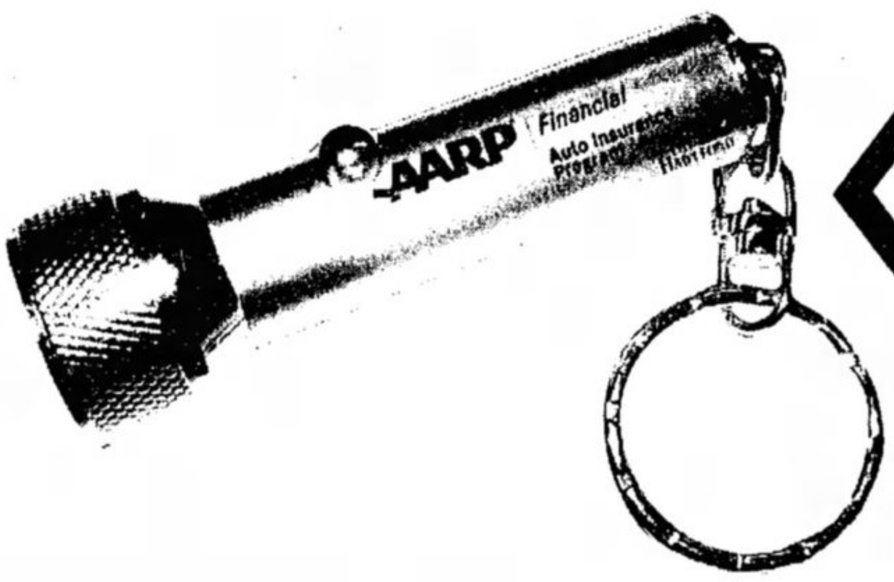

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TV & ENTERTAINMENT

Mom worries that third baby will not measure up

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: I am married but have two children, "Venus" and "Adonis," from a previous relationship. These children are very good-looking, and I'm not just saying that because I'm their mom.

My husband, "Herman," is ready for us to start our own family soon. Not to sound shallow, but Herman was not a very cute kid. He wore thick glasses and braces as a child. Whenever I am asked by either Herman or his family if I think he was a cute baby, I lie.

I know I would love our babies as much as I do Venus and Adonis, but I'm afraid they will not be as cute, and that everyone will know my older children have a different father.

These worries are causing me to have doubts about having kids with Herman. Am I that shallow? Am I not in love enough with Herman because I'm scared our children will be ... ugly? This is killing me. Herman wants to start trying for a family this summer. Help! — **WORRIED ABOUT GENETICS, CLARKSVILLE, TENN.**

DEAR WORRIED: I have news for you. Herman was a typical kid — and look how he turned out. He's attractive enough that you married him.

There are no guarantees regardless of the gene pool you're fishing in. I firmly believe that each generation is becoming more beautiful than the last — or at least that's how it appears to me as I look around.

But please understand that nobody else cares who fathered Venus and Adonis, and it's time to give up your obsession about it.

DEAR ABBY: I have read letters about girls who are overweight and that people should be careful about what they say to them. May I add something for those who are the opposite?

My daughter, "Claire," is 18 and since birth has always been small. Her doctor told me she will always be petite. Claire is 5 feet 2 inches. She weighs 105 pounds and is small-boned. Shopping with her and seeing how difficult it is to find something to wear can be a trying experience. (She wears a size 0 or 1.)

It is adults — not her peers — who make my daughter upset. I cannot tell you how many people have told her she looks anorexic. Claire is funny, talented, eats very well and has a boyfriend who thinks she's beautiful. She tries hard not to show the hurt caused by comments like, "Do you ever eat?" or "Don't you feed her?" and the most frequent, "You need to be careful. You're WAY too thin." She is NOT! I have taken her for her checkups, and her doctor says her weight is right where it should be.

Abby, please let people know that girls of all sizes can see themselves through others' words and opinions. I can only stick up for Claire when I'm with her. I have told her to set people straight and say, "I'm just the right size." — **PETITE'S MOM IN SALEM, VA.**

DEAR MOM: I'm printing your letter as a reminder to anyone who thinks it's permissible to make personal comments about the body types of strangers. However, if Claire were my daughter, I would tell her to be more assertive when responding to comments like the ones she's getting. I would tell her to say, "What you said is very rude. My doctor says my weight is fine, so keep your opinions to yourself."

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FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show/ (53) Frasier	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld "The Doodle" Jerry's apartment has fleas.	The Moment of Truth Contestants must tell the truth during a lie-detector test. (N)		Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles "The Demon Hand" Ellison's discovery puts him in danger. (N)		(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10	(8) Seinfeld George and Elaine take Jerry's car.	(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Seinfeld	(8) Frasier/ (53) Scrubs	(8) ★½ The Waterboy/ (53) Scrubs "My Big Mouth"	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Paid/ (53) Cheaters
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(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Gossip Girl Serena and Dan go on their first date.		Pussycat Dolls Present: Girlicious "Confidence" (N)		The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	That '70s Show	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid	Paid	Paid
(22) WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Celebrity Exposé (N)		Paradise Hotel 2 (N)		TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
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(59) WBGN	Temptation	Temptation	Degrassi	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	★½ Jocks (1987)				Reno 911!	Blind Date	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
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ABCFAM	8 Rules	8 Rules	Grounded-Life	Grounded-Life	Kyle XY "Primary Colors" (N)		Wildfire "Friendship/Passion"		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Kyle XY "Primary Colors"		Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
AMC	★★ The In-Laws (2003)				★½ Hope Floats (1998)				★★½ Father of the Bride Part II (1995)				★★★ The Godfather, Part III (1990)					
ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter		Dragons of Komodo		Escape to Chimp Eden		Animal Heroes Phoenix		Animal Heroes Phoenix		Escape to Chimp Eden		Animal Heroes Phoenix		Animal Heroes Phoenix		Dragons of Komodo	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Top Gear (N)		Top Gear		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear	
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CMT	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Greatest Redneck Moments		★ Stroker Ace (1983)				CMT Music	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow & Company		Fast Money		Michael Eisner		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Mad Money		Michael Eisner		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Paid	Paid
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COM	★½ Death to Smoochy		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	South Park	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Reel Comedy	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Naked	Naked
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DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	Dive to Bermuda Triangle		America's Loch Ness		Best Evidence "Bigfoot"		MythBusters		Dive to Bermuda Triangle		America's Loch Ness		Best Evidence "Bigfoot"	
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E!	Red Carpet: Academy Awds		E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Fashion Police (N)		Beauty	The Soup	Fashion Police		E! News	Chelsea	The Daily 10	Heath Ledger	Fashion Police		E! News	Chelsea
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FX	★★½ The Transporter 2 (2005)				★★★ The Rundown (2003)					Undisputed II: Last Man Standing (2006)				'70s Show	'70s Show	Married...	eBay Money	CorEvolution
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LIFE	Still Standing	Still Standing	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	★★ I Do (But I Don't) (2004)				Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Paid
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		Live With Dan Abrams		Lockup: Raw "Convict Code"		Lockup: Holman		Countdown-Olbermann		Lockup: Raw "Convict Code"		Lockup: Holman	
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OXY	★★½ Adventures In Babysitting (1987)				★★½ Adventures in Babysitting (1987)				Bad Girls	Bad Girls	Bad Girls	Bad Girls	The Tyra Banks Show		★★★½ Ghost World (2001)			
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TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Sex and City	Sex and City	★★★ Shanghai Noon (2000)				★★★ Shanghai Noon (2000)	
TCM	★★★½ In Cold Blood (1967)				★★★★ Stagecoach (1939)		★★★ Only Angels Have Wings (1939)						★★★ The Public Enemy (1931)			★★★ The Buccaneer (1938) Premiere.		
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WE	★★★ The Long Kiss Goodnight (1996)				★★★ Working Girl (1988)				★★★ Working Girl (1988)						★★½ My Life (1993)			
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ENC	★★ Mr. Baseball (1992)				★★ Stick It (2006)			★½ The Postman (1997) A man inspires survivors of an apocalypse.						★★½ Undisputed (2002)				Univ. Soldier
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MAX	★★ Practical Magic (1998)				★★½ Stripes (1981)				★★★ Fracture (2007)				Behind Bedroom Doors (2003)			★★★½ Fight Club (1999)		
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Johnston, Eloise A.
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CONTRACT NO. 2007-01
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PROJECT - PARK AVENUE

Project consisting of 334 L.F. of 60" diameter HDPE smooth wall plastic storm sewer pipe, 2-2'x 4' PennDOT Type "M" Inlets with Cast Iron Frame and Grate, 2 Concrete Endwall, Road Restoration, Seeding and Mulching and Rip-Rap.

Plans and specifications are on file at the office of the Owner and at the Office of Chester Engineers, 501 McKean Avenue, Third Floor, Charleroi, PA 15022. Bids may not qualify any of the specifications. Immediately after the closing time for receipt of bids, all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the office of the Owner at the City Municipal Building, 449 West Main Street, Monongahela, PA 15063.

Copies of the plans and specifications for this Contract may be purchased for sixty dollars ($60.00) per set, nonrefundable, from Chester Engineers.

A certified check payable to the City of Monongahela or a bid bond on the bid form executed by the Bidder and a surety company approved by the Owner, in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid, shall be submitted with each bid, to guarantee the Bidder's entrance into a contract if given the award. No bid bond shall be waived or returned because the Bidder has failed to or cannot comply with any requirements as set forth in the plans, specifications, or any applicable statutes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any applicable municipal ordinances. No bid may be withdrawn for ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids.

All bidders shall comply with the Federal requirements for Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), and with the State requirements for the Pennsylvania Steel Products Procurement Act (No. 178-3) and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, as amended.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Commercial dealings will be a trifle more complicated than they appear to be on the surface, so if you have something going on in this area, slow down and make sure that you have all the facts available.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- When you start seeking easy outs, you will merely find a far testier situation than you are prepared to handle. Conversely, you'll be in better shape when you anticipate that things will be challenging.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Usually you're the type of person who is always looking ahead, hoping for something different; thus, you're prepared for most anything. If you fail to do so now, you'll need some luck to catch up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Your reasoning in a joint venture will be far sounder than that of your counterpart. Listen to all of his or her views, but then compare them to yours and don't hesitate to use whichever is best.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- For reasons over which others will have no control, they could let you down on a matter that is important to you. Be prepared to handle things totally on your own just in case you have to do things unaided.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Guard against a strong tendency to do things in half measures. By doing so, you would deprive yourself of far larger rewards that you should be enjoying instead of the small ones you'll end up with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- At times, you can be a trifle extravagant in your spending, and this could be one of the days. If you are doing so with your own funds, that's your choice, but if you're wasting money another has earned, it is a no-no.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Have fun and enjoy yourself, but don't treat serious matters too lightheartedly. This can be especially serious if these issues pertain to your work, family, schooling or other important areas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Be careful about being too free of a talker. If you let your guard down, you could easily tell too much about the wrong subject to the wrong person and do yourself a great disservice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Think positive and be expectant of good things to come, but don't build false hopes on unrealistic premises. Use that wonderful imagination of yours to your advantage and not as an instrument of disappointment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- It's good to be expectant of having a rewarding day, provided you don't take it as being a foregone conclusion. Otherwise, you may be unprepared for something you think of as being a shoo-in and instead have problems.

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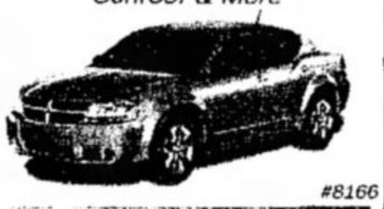

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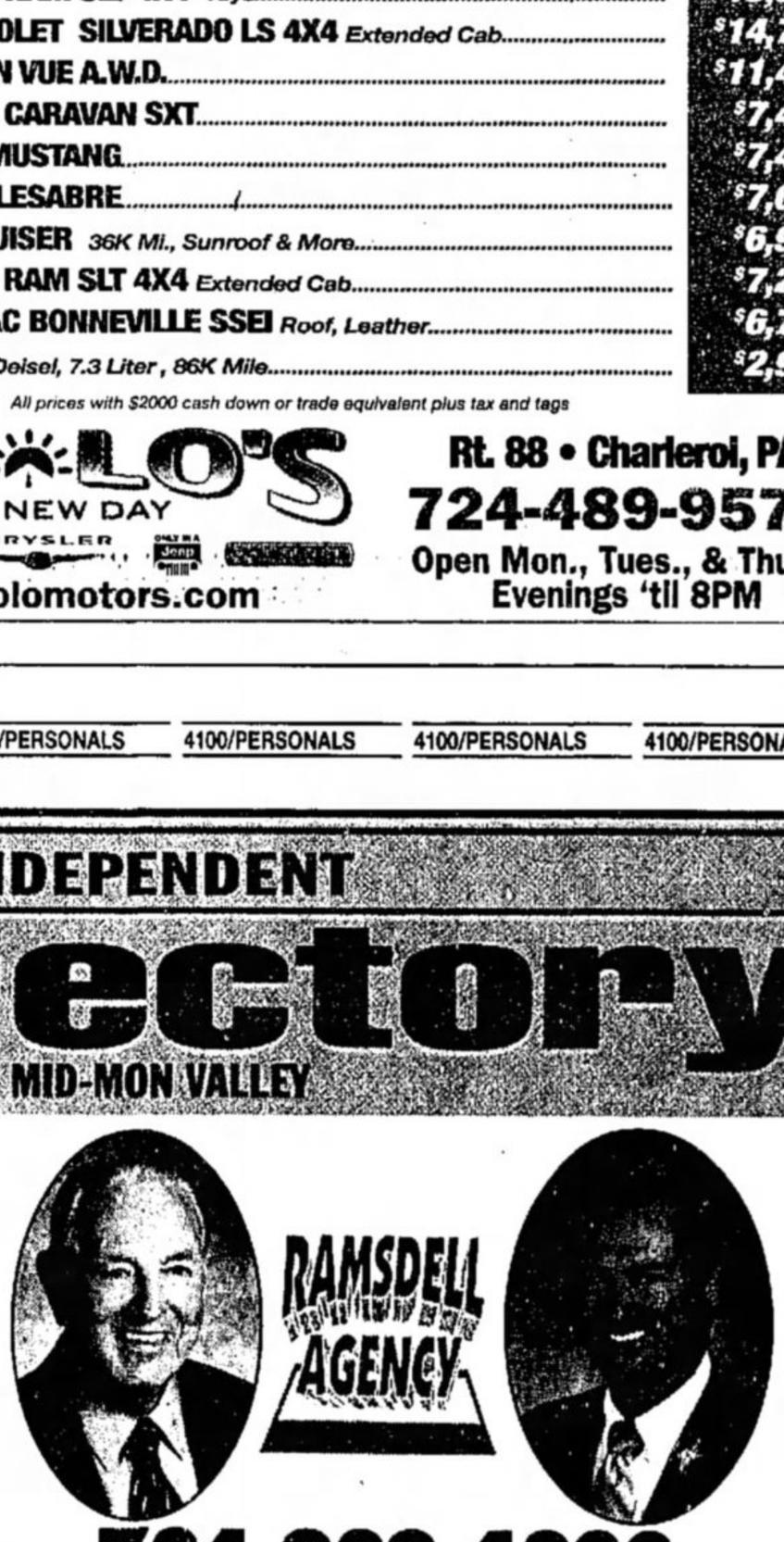

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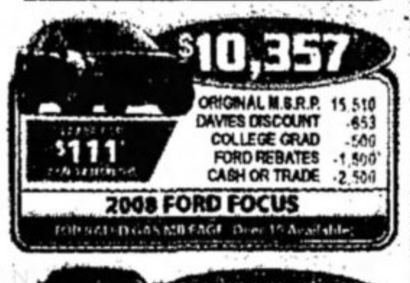
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DAVIES DISCOUNT -653
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FORD REBATES -1,500*
CASH OR TRADE -2,500
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DAVIES DISCOUNT -579
COMMERCIAL REBATE -500
FORD REBATES -4,995*
CASH OR TRADE -2,500
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2008 FORD F-150

$13,184
ORIGINAL M.S.R.P. $18,435
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COLLEGE GRAD -500
FORD REBATES -1,330*
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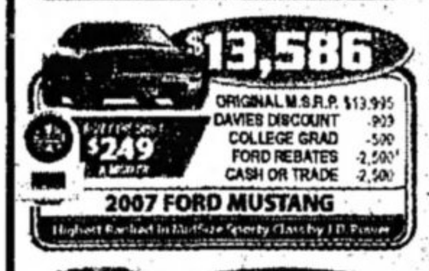
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DAVIES DISCOUNT -935
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FORD REBATES -1,500*
CASH OR TRADE -2,500
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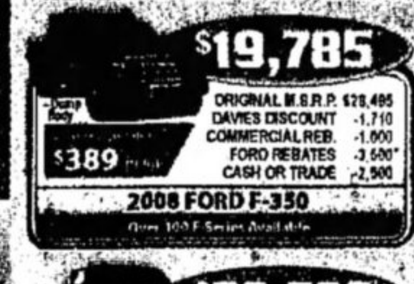
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COMMERCIAL REB. -1,000
FORD REBATES -2,500*
CASH OR TRADE -2,500
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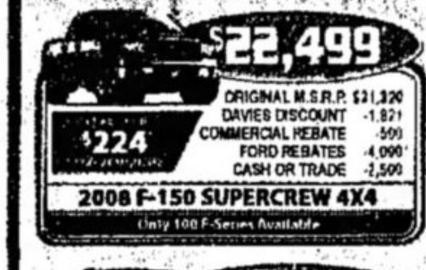
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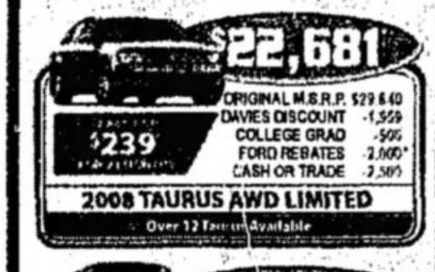
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Specifications and bid documents are available in the District Administration Office located at 270 Crest Avenue, Belle Vernon, PA 15012-4200, phone 724-929-0900 Extension 235.

Sealed bids must be in the possession of the Board Secretary or his authorized representative by 10:00 a.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, March 11, 2008. Any bid(s) received after the date and time specified will be returned to the bidder unopened.

The Belle Vernon Area School District Board of Education reserves the right to: (1) accept or reject any or all bids, (2) select a single item or group of items from any bid, and, (3) waive any technicalities or informalities in any bid.

BY ORDER OF
THE BOARD
James M. McKevitt
Board Secretary
2/22,25,3/3

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CALIFORNIA AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sealed proposals are requested for an ACT 77, Guaranteed Energy Savings Project. A copy of the Request for Proposal may be obtained by contacting:

Dr. Timothy Marks
California Area School District
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Sealed proposals are to be submitted to California Area School District. The proposal is to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Energy Savings Project" and will not be accepted after 10:00 a.m. EST, March 03, 2008. Proposals will be opened at 10:15 a.m. EST, March 03, 2008 in the Administration Office. Proposals are to remain valid for 120 days and will be awarded at the convenience of the Board of School Directors.

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Mary Baslin,
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2030/MEETING NOTICES

MEETING NOTICE

North Charleroi Borough Council has announced that a town meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2008. This meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. and will be held at the Lock #4 Fire Department social hall and has been called for the sole purpose of discussing a plan to reduce the size of council from 7 to 5 members. All North Charleroi residents are invited to attend.

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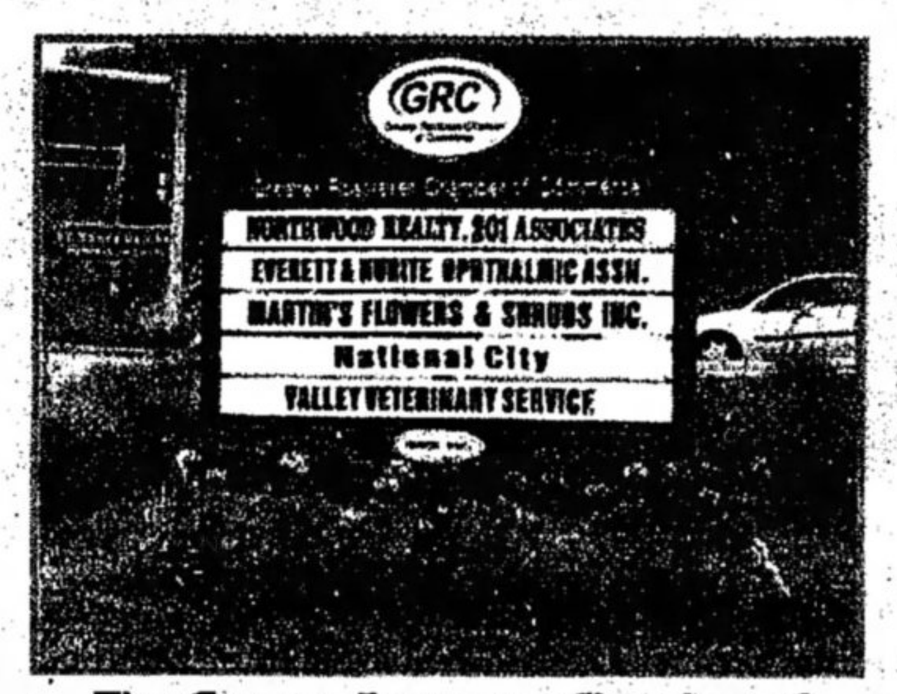
GRC Membership Info

Date: *2/26/08*
Time: *Noon*
Where: *Holiday Inn of Belle Vernon*

On The Agenda ...

- Founder's Day Dinner Information
- 30 Second Introductions
- Business Of The Month Presentation – *Highway Appliance Co.*



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GRC Business of the Month, Highway Appliance Company

Speakers This Month:

Justin Tatar,
Admissions Coordinator From Westmoreland County Community College.

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- Business Of The Month
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Cerini holds annual soup cookoff

Dave Seery's chicken tortilla soup takes top prize in charitable competition.

The date was Feb. 9 and everyone awoke with snow around their house. It was a good day to be having a soup cook-off.

The temperature was around 31 degrees and a little breezy.

Nineteen chefs volunteered to provide their best soup for the tasting and trying to win the coveted Cerini crown!

The two judges from the Westmoreland County Community College, Culinary Arts Department began slowly sipping and sampling the soups before the major portion of the crowd arrived around noon.

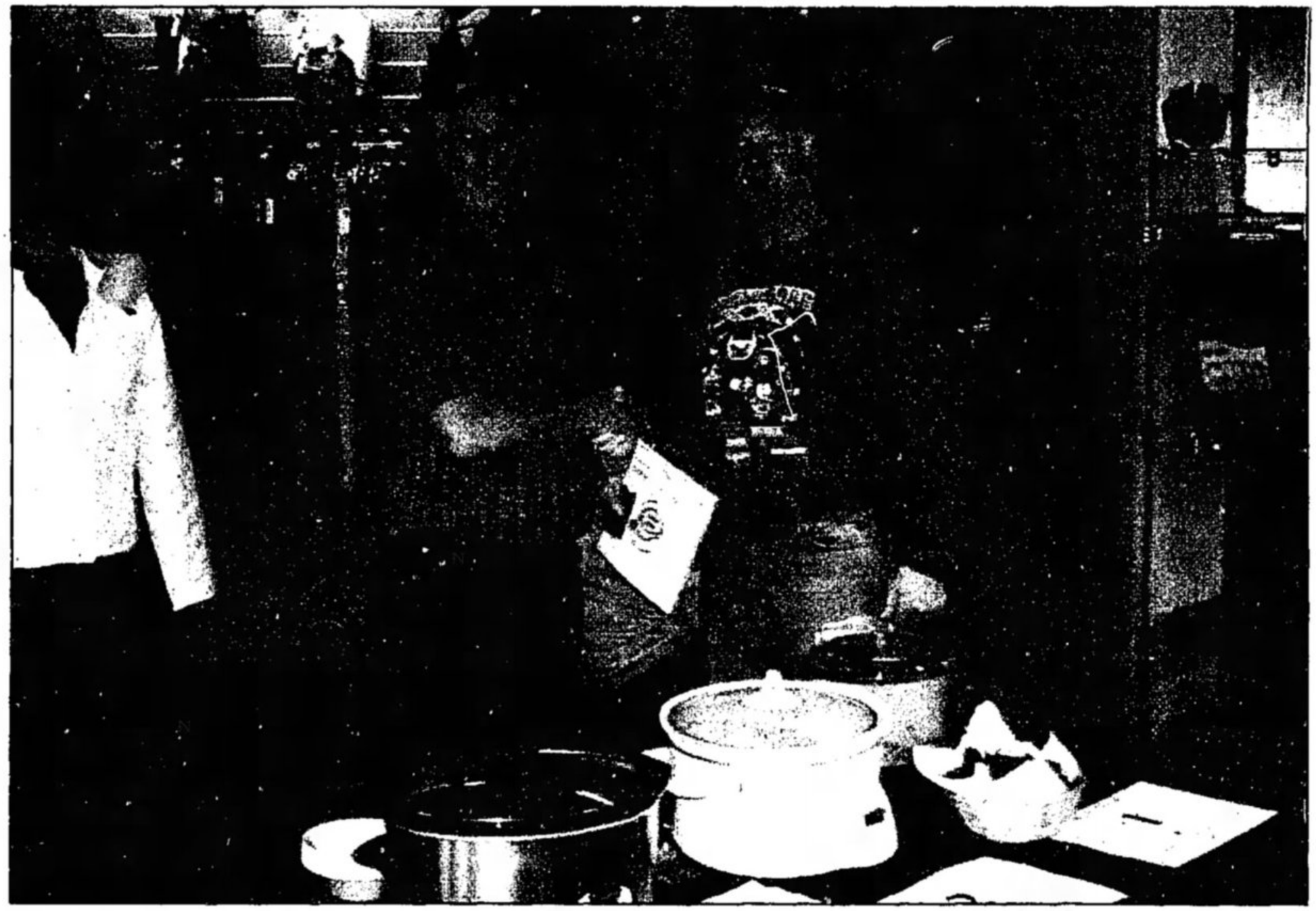
The hungry masses arrived slowly but keep arriving at a steady pace. The parking lot was full, people were double parking.

Soup on a cold day sure brings everyone out! By 2 p.m. most of the soups were sold out and the crowd had their bellies full.

Finally, Rick Halvey made an announcement that the winner was Dave Seery for his chicken tortilla soup.

Dave accepted this award and then thanked Susan for being his good luck charm.

Tthe big winner was the Muscular Dystrophy Association, which will receive all of the proceeds from this soup cook-off!



Dave Seery, left, accepts first-prize in the Cerini Harley Davidson soup cookoff from H.O.G. chapter director Rick Halvey.

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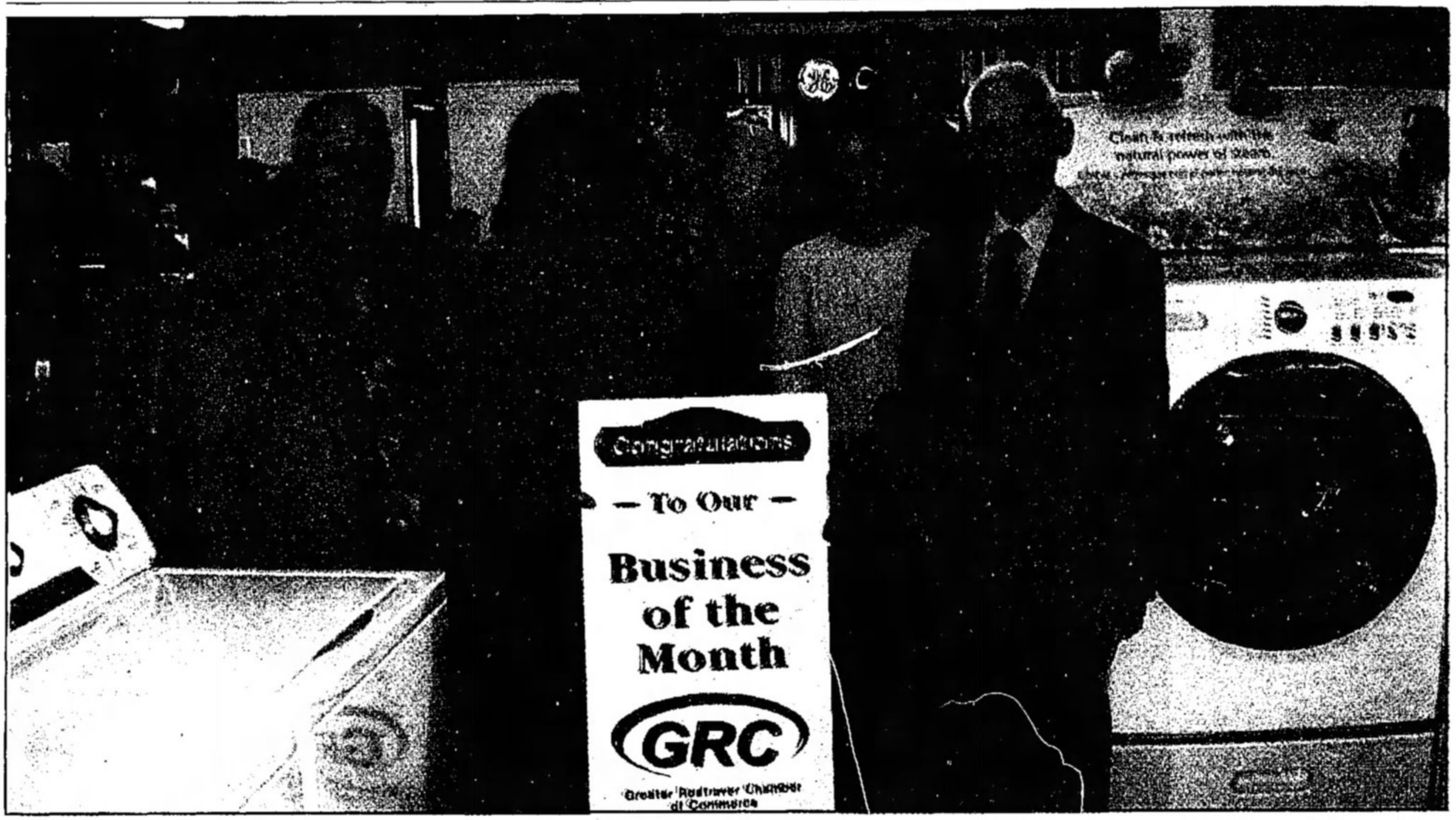

Highway Appliance is honored as Business of the Month by the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce. From left are Tom Mimidis, Charmelle Stasicha, Chris Vesely, Jerry Zahand Jr., Eric Cerini, Kathy Vescoe and Andy Solan.

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Message from the GRC president

Don't miss Founder's Day

Eric Cerini

Here it is the end of February already. Let me again thank you for allowing me a few moments of your time.

The Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce will come together in April to honor one of our own at our annual Founder's Day dinner.

This year's event is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. on Sunday April 13th at the Willow Room.

I hope all of our members can fit this worthwhile event into their schedules. This year's honoree has been chosen, but I'll not reveal their identity at this time.

As we all deal with today's economy, I hope that both the consumers and business leaders reading today make a commitment to continue supporting local businesses.

We have to remember that many of our friends and family members work at these businesses and depend on our continued support for their livelihood. I know that online shopping has become easier and more popular, but it's also cold and impersonal. It reduces everything to a commodity.

Factor in shipping costs and that online purchase may not as great a deal as originally thought.

OK, some of you may think I'm out of bounds on this, but as a member of the local business community and a member of the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce, I need to be an advocate of that community. Local support is vital to our success.

Just as an update, the Chamber is looking at purchasing a computer so that we can better serve our members, update our Web site and improve the quality of our member newsletter.

We've also renewed our monetary contribution to the Consortium for Public Education which funds teacher-level grants. These funds are raised through our Chamber golf outing, which is scheduled for June 13 this year.

Last year there were several projects in our elementary schools that were at least partially funded through this contribution.

On a somewhat controversial issue, as a businessman and resident of Rostraver Township, I was somewhat disappointed that our supervisors couldn't find a different solution to their budget woes than lay off two police officers.

The safety of our township and it's residents should be a leading concern for all of us. From a business standpoint, a safe customer environment is imperative for every business in our area. Enough said!

I'd also like to invite any businesses in our service area join the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce. It's a great opportunity for you to meet other business leaders, take advantage of our member benefits, and get involved in the community.

Just a quick mention to the current members of the GRC, we are starting to fill committee positions for 2008. Please contact Elizabeth Wilson at the Chamber office for more details.

I close by wishing everyone a belated Happy Valentine's Day.

Eric Cerini
President
Greater Rostraver
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New York City bus trip planned

The Marion Elementary School PTA has scheduled a NYC Bus Trip for April 12. The cost is $65 per person.

The bus will leave from the park & ride (next to KFC) at 12:30 a.m. (late Friday night). It will be stopping at the Cracker Barrel at approximately 6:30 a.m. to let passengers have breakfast and freshen up.

The bus will arrive in New York City between 8 and 9 a.m., depending on traffic.

Passengers will be dropped off at 37th and 7th Avenue. All passengers will meet back at the same spot at 6:30 p.m. as the bus is scheduled to depart promptly at 6:45 p.m. for the trip home.

The PTA will not be held responsible for anyone missing the bus. The bus will make two short stops on the way back home and is scheduled to arrive back in Belle Vernon around 1:30 a.m.

Seats are filling up fast! Anyone interested in making reservations, please contact Amy Smaracheck at (724) 797-0079.

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The Douglas Education Center in Monessen is unveiling Tom Savini's Digital Film Production Program.

Savini launching program on digital filmmaking

The new Douglas Education Center offering starts this month.

MONESSEN — Douglas Education Center is already home to Tom Savini's monstrously successful Special Make-Up Effects Program, which began in 2000 and has graduated hundreds of students from all over the country.

DEC offers many other programs besides make-up effects, including graphic design, illustration, cosmetology, and starting this month, Tom Savini's Digital Film Production Program.

"Our film students are going to have the opportunity to collaborate with all of these other programs on their productions," said Savini. "They will be surrounded by talented individuals, just like in a professional studio, from the very first day they step on campus."

Each student entering the 16-month program receives a video camera and a laptop computer fully equipped with software for all their filmmaking needs.

As part of the curriculum, they will work on real productions, alongside instructors culled from the entertainment industry, utilizing high definition cameras, professional lighting equipment and a newly constructed soundstage. Planned projects include music videos, trailers to present to the American Film Market, feature films, and even pilots for reality television shows.

First on the slate is a short film directed by Savini that will be included on a direct-to-DVD anthology being distributed by Cemetery Dance Publications in 2008.

The series is called "Beyond the Pale" and along with Savini's short, the first volume will include other shorts directed by Mark Steensland and written by award-winning authors, including one scripted by best-selling author Rick Hautala, which he based on a Stephen King idea.

Facilities include a soundstage with green screen, infinity wall, shop farm (with rooms for make-up, wardrobe and props), dressing rooms, administrative offices, lounges, a recording studio, editing suites and eventually a 50-plus seat theater for film classes and student film showcases.

"We're doing everything we can to give the students an amazing portfolio 'reel' when they step into the real world," said Savini. "And that's what excites me. The possibilities are endless."

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HealthPLEX adds open MRI services

Mon Valley Hospital tries to make option available to as many as possible

X-rays are still frequently used in medicine. But, this is the 21st century and other methods to see inside the human body are now available.

An MRI (magnetic resonance image), like an X-ray, takes internal pictures of the body, but the MRI, unlike X-rays, has the ability to show those images at various angles without the use of radiation.

Monongahela Valley Hospital is committed to providing those latest advancements, and for outpatient services, making them as convenient as possible for patients to obtain them. As a result of that commitment,

MVH has installed a Hitachi High Performance Open MRI to its vast array of outpatient equipment and services available in Suite 130 of the Mon-Vale HealthPLEX located at WillowPointe Plaza on Route 51 in Rostraver Township.

The Open MRI unit focuses on providing the ultimate in patient comfort and uses a wide-open design offering a panoramic view from all four sides to create a relaxing environment. The open design alleviates anxiety and stress and allows a loved one or friend to be seated at the patient's side during the exam. It creates a tranquil atmosphere enhancing the patient's experience.

The new Open MRI Unit can be especially attractive to larger patients or those with claustrophobic tendencies. Patients are getting the best of both worlds – an Open MRI and superior imaging performance. The unit provides increased head and elbow room and quality imaging.

MRI uses radio and magnetic waves to produce images of the body's internal structures such as soft tissues, muscles, nerves and bones and provides very good soft tissue contrast. The high quality pictures may be used to evaluate injury or the presence of disease and illustrates the anatomy and functions of the body. In addition, the MRI can scan for advanced medical conditions such as vascular, abdominal, cardiac and neurological disorders. An MRI procedure allows physicians to view inside the body without surgery or the use of radiation.

"The new Open MRI Unit was placed at the Mon-Vale HealthPLEX to add to the overall convenience of our patients and is another key tool for our physician's patient diagnosis," said Thomas J. Cullen, senior vice president at Monongahela Valley Hospital.

"Knowing you need to have an MRI examination no longer needs to be a traumatic event," he added. "Having to travel to an unfamiliar location may be unsettling. But having a convenient facility with a variety of medical procedures in one location can help to uncomplicated those concerns."

A multitude of other outpatient testing services are provided at the Mon-Vale HealthPLEX including traditional X-rays, blood draw, mammography, ultrasound, bone density testing and cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation. Residents can take advantage of the HealthPLEX's many physician offices, its close proximity and ease of parking.

Addition of the new Open MRI equipment augments the expansion and enhancement of radiology (medical imaging) services that have occurred at MVH during the past several years. These advancements have included installation of a fixed-site MRI and a 64-slice CT scanner at the hospital in Carroll Township.

Appointments can be made quickly and results obtained promptly.

To schedule an appointment, please call 724-379-1900. All major insurance plans are accepted.

For more information about all of the hospital's imaging services, call the MVH medical imaging department at (724) 258-1040.

Cutting the ribbon to launch the new Open MRI service are, from left, Louis J. Panza, Jr., president and CEO, Monongahela Valley Hospital; Kimberly Vicites, MRI technologist, MVH; MaryAnn Konsugar, manager, HealthPLEX Imaging, MVH; Thomas G. Patterson, Vice Chairman, Rostraver Township Commissioners; and Thomas J. Cullen, Senior Vice President, MVH.

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WCCC board fills key position

Mary Horne Snaden will take over as developmental education director next month.

YOUNGWOOD, PA — To continue the college's work as part of a national initiative created to help more community college students achieve their academic and career goals, the Westmoreland County Community College board of trustees has approved hiring developmental education director.

On Jan. 23, the trustees approved the appointment of Mary Horne Snaden of Gallup, New Mexico as developmental education director effective March 3. She is currently an assistant professor and chair of transitional studies at the University of New Mexico Gallup Branch, where she is also project director of the Title III Grant.

In this newly created position, Snaden will develop, direct, coordinate and evaluate a Developmental Studies Program to help academically challenged WCCC students.

The college determined a need for a developmental studies program following a data collection and analysis process of student completion and retention rates that occurred as part of its participation in the Achieving the Dream: Community Colleges Count initiative.

WCCC was one of 57 community colleges across the United States selected in July 2006 to participate in this initiative which aims to help more students, particularly low-income and minority students, earn associate degrees or certificates or successfully transfer to four-year institutions.

Snaden will work collaboratively with faculty and staff to help students successfully complete their coursework and program of study.

Snaden brings extensive experience to the position. As the chair of the Transitional Studies Department at the UNM Gallup Branch, she taught developmental reading, writing and online teaching preparation, managed the Academic Program that included all developmental classes, the Adult Basic Education Program and the College Learning Center for writing, math and testing.

Snaden also is the project director for the UNM Gallup Branch's five-year, $1.8 million Title III Grant. In this role, she is responsible for the daily grant management activities that include developing and implementing learning communities of students, faculty development, technology integration and curriculum development.

WCCC is pursuing a five-year $1.6 million Title III grant in order to broaden the scope of the learning intervention strategies it is developing for small groups of students as part of its Achieving the Dream initiative work.

Snaden will oversee WCCC's Title III grant if the college is successful in securing one.

"We are deeply committed to student success and the interventions we are developing as a result of our participation in Achieving the Dream," said WCCC President Steven C. Ender. "We want to see them brought to scale across the campus and a Title III grant will help us do that."

Snaden, who has taught English as a second language at colleges in Mexico, South Korea and the Pohnpei Federated States of Micronesia, holds a master's degree in teaching English to speakers of other languages from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Carbondale, Illinois and a bachelor's degree in English from Winthrop University, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

To oversee the college's Municipal Police and Homeland Security Programs, the board appointed Robert R. Martin of Dunbar. He will serve as the director for the Municipal Police Officers' Training Academy and the Lethal Weapons School.

Previously, Martin served as the national security and intelligence manager for the National Park Service in Washington D.C. until his retirement in May 2006. In his former position, he was the first national manager for the agency's developing security and intelligence programs and provided oversight and guidance for the security of nine national icons, including the Statue of Liberty, Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell; numerous critical infrastructure sites and nearly 400 national park units. He has 28 years of law enforcement experience which includes service as a U.S. Army Military Police Officer and as police officer for South Connellsville.

For the college's academic programs, the board approved the purchase of various ovens and kitchen equipment for $73,129.70 from U.S. Foodservice for the culinary arts/hospitality programs; Cisco router, switch and other equipment for $14,525.45 from CDW-G for the fiber optics program and pre-admission exams for the nursing program for $15,750 from the National League for Nursing. The equipment purchases will be paid for with federal Carl Perkins grant funds.

Also in financial matters, the board approved the purchase of a new sound system for the Science Hall theater for $43,173 from Legacy Sound and a Miles ZX40S campus security vehicle from North Central Zenn for $13,750.

In its own business, the trustees approved an amendment to its travel policy and a trustee code of ethics. Board Chairwoman Gail Malloy also welcomed a new member to the board, E. Jeff Holmes of Jeannette who Is the senior workers compensation consultant for Allegheny Energy, Greensburg.

The board also:

- Approved the contract corrections and authorized the chairwoman to execute the contract with the college president extending the contract period to June 30, 2010, with a minimum salary increase of 3.5 percent.
- Accepted the fiscal 2006-07 Pennsylvania Department of Education Agreed Upon Procedures Report.
- Approved the payment of annual computer software maintenance contract for the Online Integrated Library System for $14,912.98 from SirsiDynix. This system provides an online public access catalog which patrons use to locate titles in the WCCC Learning Resource Center collections. Access is available from remote sites as well as on campus.

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GRC offers numerous benefits to members

By BERNIE ZUNIC
Charleroi Federal Savings Bank, Rostraver

As we begin 2008, members and potential new members should take the time to review the outstanding benefits offered by the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce.

The opportunity to advertise at a reduced cost monthly through various types of media is worth the membership fee alone.

This would include the monthly newspaper tabloid, the monthly GRC newsletter and special advertising offered by Comcast exclusively to chamber members.

Meeting new business contacts and networking at GRC sponsored events enables your business to reach others and develop future business opportunities.

There are monthly general membership meetings in which members have a chance to network with other members as well as listen to keynote speakers. As a member, I have acquired new business relationships as well as referred business to other members.

The GRC is very involved with community events and has partnered with various organizations by participating in the annual August FunFest and Light Up Night.

As chairman of both events on behalf of the GRC, I can report that last year's August Fun Fest and Light Up Night were well attended and a success.

The GRC also sponsors an annual golf outing with all proceeds benefiting education in our Greater Rostraver servicing area.

The GRC is committed to providing the BEST service available while keeping in mind the BEST interests of our member businesses and organizations.

Show your support to JA

Organization has helped millions of young people throughout the world.

For more than 88 years nationally, individuals, foundations and businesses interested in making an investment in the future workforce of the world have been doing so through support of Junior Achievement.

Students often attest that the knowledge and practical skills they gained through participation in JA provides a foundation of life-long tools for future success.

Since 1919, Junior Achievement has benefited the lives of more than 72 million young people around the world.

During the 2006-07 school year alone, JA programs touched the lives of more than 4 million students in the United States plus another 4 million young people in more than 100 countries beyond our borders.

Locally, Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania has been involved in our area since 1939. Last year, local volunteers delivered JA programs to over 78,000 students throughout Western Pennsylvania.

In the Mon Valley, during the (2006/07) school years, JA provided 58 classes to 1217 students at local schools. We expect to substantially surpass these numbers this year.

Junior Achievement classes have been scheduled at Monessen, Ringgold and Charleroi School districts and Madonna and St. Sebastian Catholic Schools.

JA provides K-12 students with programs that are both age-appropriate and interactive. A hallmark of JA is its unique use of local business and community volunteers who come into the classroom to deliver JA programs.

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The dynamic interaction between students and classroom volunteers, with practical experience, promotes active learning and brings theory to life.

If you would like to support Mon Valley JA as a classroom volunteer, through a special event, or with funding please contact Bernie Zunic at (724) 929-2340.

WCCC seeks string musicians

YOUNGWOOD — Westmoreland County Community College is inviting all string musicians to join the WCCC Community Orchestra.

The orchestra is in special need of viola, cello and string bass players. No audition is necessary.

The WCCC Community Orchestra is under the direction of Dr. Roderick Booker, instructor of music at the community college and the former director of music for Hempfield Area School District.

"We welcome all string musicians who have a desire to play and like doing so," said Booker.

The orchestra rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:20 p.m. in the Science Hall Theater at the WCCC Youngwood Campus.

The group, along with the WCCC Community Choir, performs annual spring and fall concerts at the college as well as at community events.

Interested musicians should contact Booker at (724) 925-5976.

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Full-time college students can receive discounts from the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority.

Students offered MMVTA discounts

The Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority is now offering all full-time students enrolled in college, high school and other career training programs reduced fare on all routes.

"The MMVTA has launched this new initiative to provide students with an affordable and alternative means of transportation around the valley and to all the places we serve – including Downtown Pittsburgh," said Executive Director Valerie Kissell.

"We anticipate that the reduced fare for travel on our buses will entice students to take advantage of the transportation opportunities and become regular riders."

Under the student reduced fare program, students can enroll to receive a special pass. When presented to the bus operator or at the Transit Center, the pass will entitle the student rider to half the regular fare and half price on all multi-ride tickets.

"As an educator and advocate of public transit, it is exciting to see the MMVTA launch a program that caters to those who are in the current education system. It is also exciting to see that we can now help get individuals seeking further education to better themselves and our communities to places at a reduced rate," said Chairman of the MMVTA Board Dr. Harry Miale.

For more information about the student reduced fare program visit www.mmvta.com, call 724-489-0880 or visit the Transit Center in Charleroi.

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Marion Elementary School recently held a "Make It Take It" math day event. In front, from left, are third graders Carmen Sawa, Jaclyn Wilson, Sierra Lynn and Maddy Bitonti. In back, from left are Susan Neuman of Marion Elementary School and Elizabeth Wilson of the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce.

Math event tests the skills of Marion students

Third graders were challenged to solve complex activities.

A "Make It Take It" math event for all third grade students enrolled at Marion Elementary School in the Belle Vernon Area School District was held in the Marion cafeteria Feb. 8.

The event is completely funded by the Consortium for Public Education (funded in part by the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce).

Education students from the California University of Pennsylvania facilitated the stations.

Several parents assisted in helping the day run smoothly.

Activities included: fraction ladders, computer games, estimation station, multiplication games, tangrams, and lines of symmetry. Activities were selected to help reinforce math skills necessary for the upcoming PSSA tests.

Refreshments were served and provided in part by the Marion PTA.

Each student received a calculator that is theirs to keep.

Logan Eversole correctly estimated the amount of candy in a jar and won the candy at estimation station.

Electronics engineering classes slated

WCCC partners with Mon Valley Career and Technology Center for the effort.

YOUNGWOOD —Westmoreland County Community College will conduct an electronics engineering program at career and technology centers in Connellsville and Charleroi starting March 10 through a Technical College Program grant awarded by the Pennsylvania Depart-ment of Education.

WCCC has partnered with Connellsville Career and Technical Center and Mon Valley Career and Technology Center to conduct the two-year associate degree program at both sites.

The WCCC Electronics Engineering Technology program prepares graduates to design and construct basic circuits and install, maintain and repair electronic equipment.

The curriculum combines academic coursework with hands-on instruction and prepares graduates for employment as electrical mechanics, electronics technicians, audio technicians and electronic equipment testers.

A regional survey projects 100 or more annual job openings for electronics engineering technicians in the region.

"Employers such as Allegheny Energy, Sensus Metering Systems, The Toth Corporation, Westinghouse and UPMC Health System regularly seek out WCCC Electronics Engineering graduates," said Cheri Noel, WCCC student placement and cooperative education coordinator.

"We have more job postings than we have graduates to fill the positions," said Noel.

Classes will meet Monday through Thursday at both sites.

Tuition and fees for the program, established to adhere to state guidelines for Technical College Programs, are $96 per credit. Ample financial aid opportunities and special scholarships are available to those who qualify.

Information sessions on the electronics engineering program, including financial aid and scholarship opportunities, will be held starting at 6 p.m. as follows:

- Connellsville Career and Technical Center — Feb. 28.
- Mon Valley Career and Technology Center - February 21 and March 4.
- WCCC Mon Valley Education Center — Feb. 27.

The information sessions are free and open to anyone who is interested in the program.

For more information about the program, contact Nicole Sheranek, WCCC's coordinator for workforce development, at (724) 437-0616.

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Finley Road progressing

The Rostraver Township Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce:

- The Finley Road widening project is progressing on schedule by working 10 hours days four days a week.
- Glenn Johnston Contracting has been issued a Notice to Proceed for the Pricedale/Lynnwood sewage project.
- The amendment to Rostraver Township Comprehensive Plan is under public review at www.rostraver.us/ComprehensivePlan/CompPlan.pdf. A meeting to present the plan was held at the municipal building Feb. 21.

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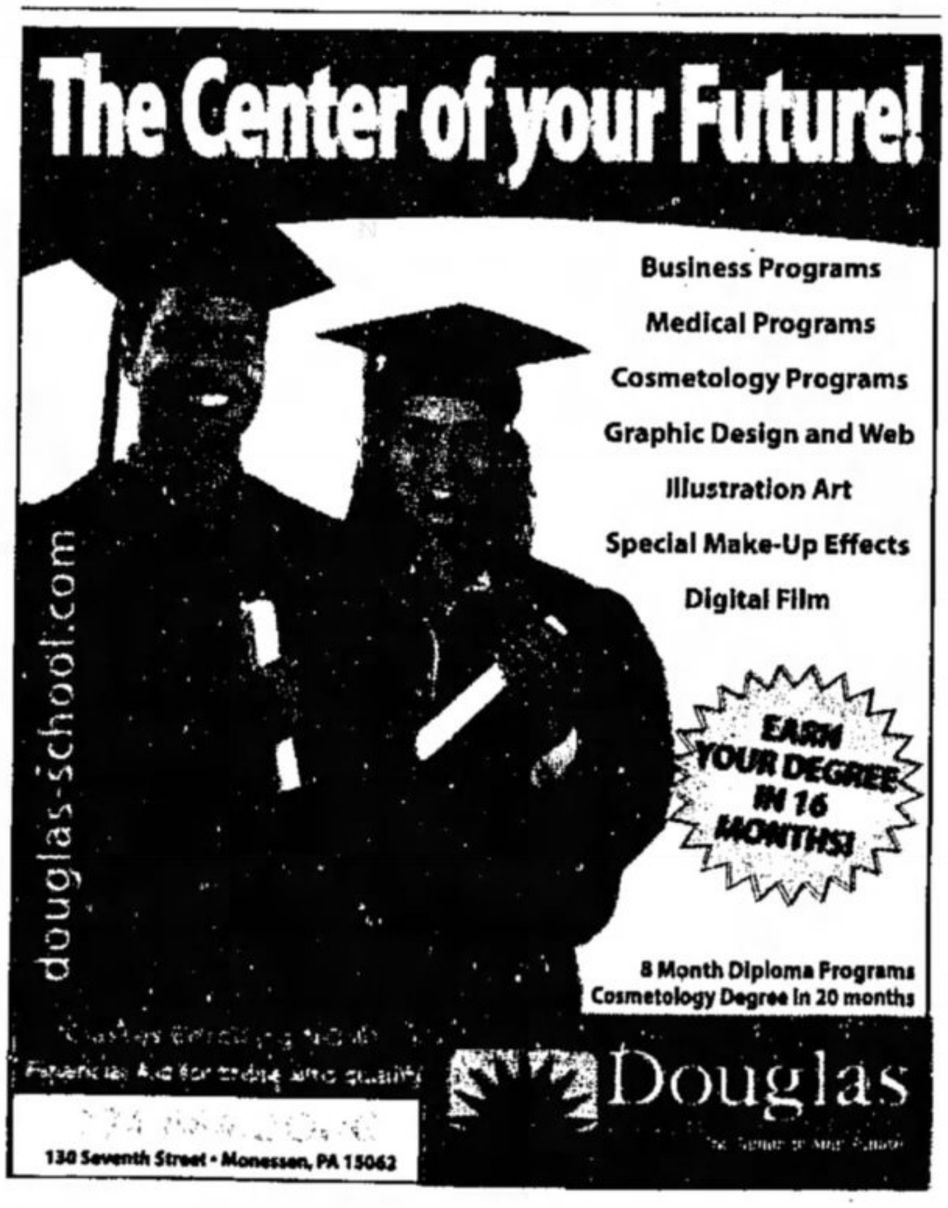
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